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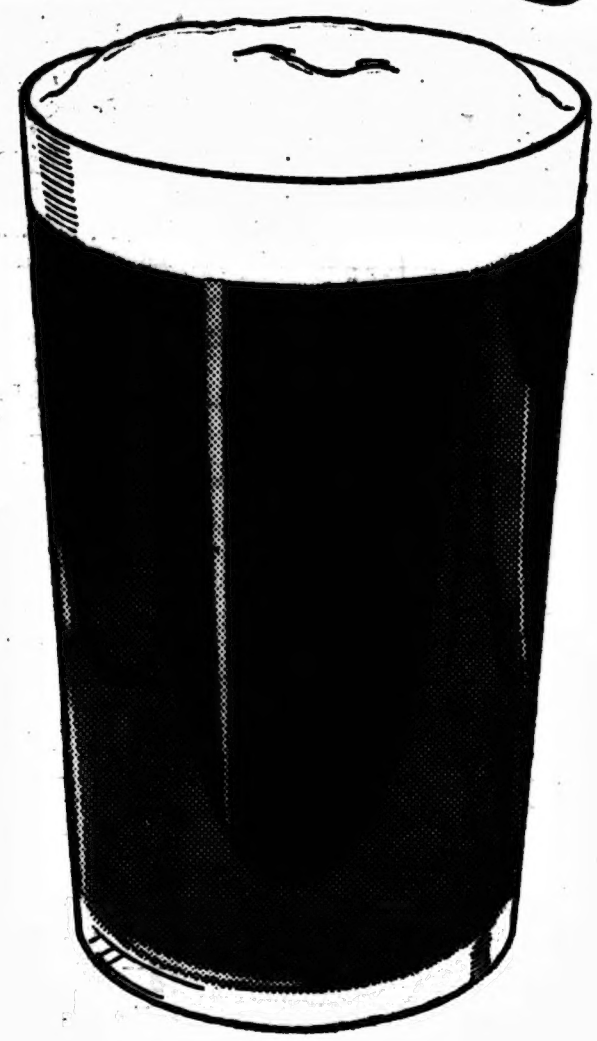

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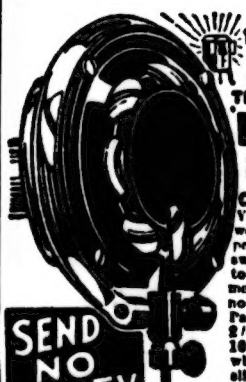

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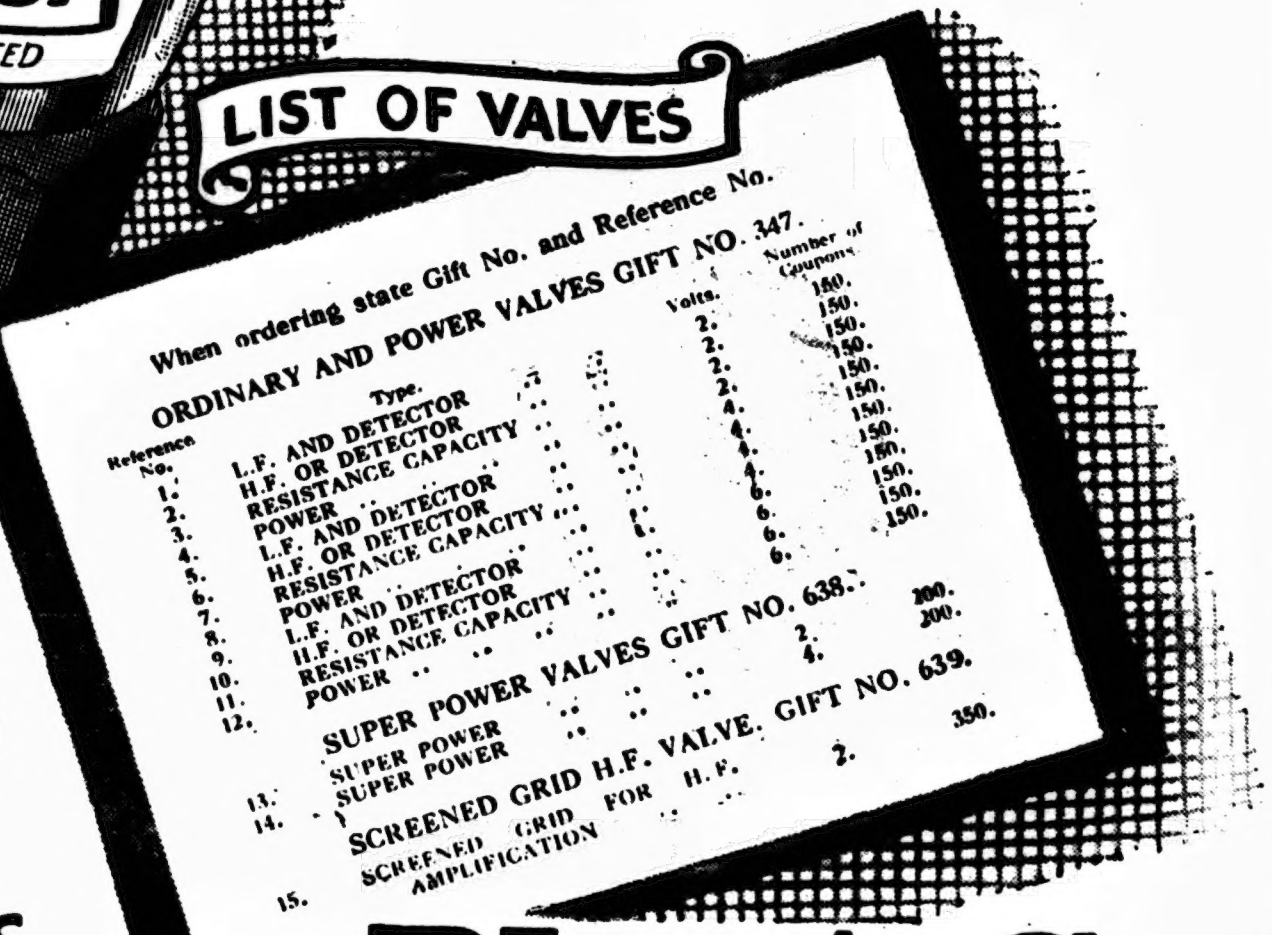

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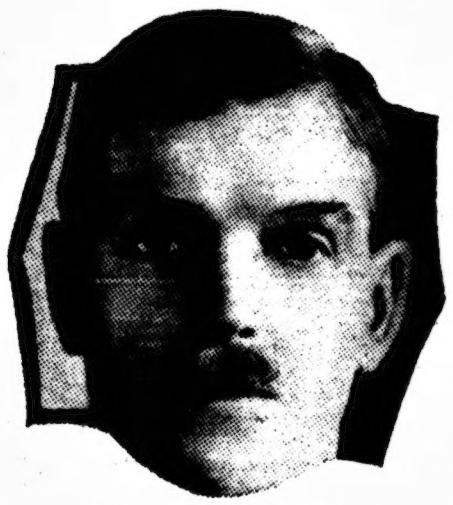
Such a tour presents a certain unique appeal to the traveller, though Russia cannot as yet be regarded as a tourists' paradise.

But that, of course, is the Soviet's affair.

Doctors for all

Dr. Somerville Hastings, M.P., and a number of his medical and lay colleagues are preparing a scheme for a State Medical Service which would make attention and treatment available for every man, woman and child in the land who needs it.



"He is preparing a scheme"

It would co-ordinate the various scattered public health services now provided, would embrace the panel system of the National Health Insurance Act, and would extend provisions of a somewhat similar character to the whole population.

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A huge army of doctors—family practitioners as well as specialists—would be enrolled in the service of the State.

The committee which is preparing and advocating the scheme will shortly be putting its proposals before the public.

The Prince of good fellows

There can be no harm in stating that the more or less boisterous sports on the outward journey to South Africa, in which the Prince joined with such characteristic good humour, have been viewed with anything but unqualified favour by at least one exalted personage.

"Boys will be boys," of course; but the official view seems to be that the Prince's days for boyish pastimes should have passed.

It is held that such things as "cross-ing the line" celebrations do not lend dignity to the heir to the throne.

As for ourselves, we would rather see a good-humoured Prince than one bowed down with official depression.

A soda split

The Drink Commission is having one very unexpected effect: it is splitting the temperance movement from top to bottom.

It is driving a wedge between those who stand for the State ownership of the Trade, and those who advocate local option.

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A new group, comprising a number of M.P.s and ministers of religion, is being formed, and before long a completely new alignment of the temperance forces is likely to be brought about.

The Temperance Legislation League is refusing large offers of financial assistance rather than permit the policy of local veto to be embodied in its programme.

Care needed

Investors should beware of putting their money in companies formed to open ice skating-rinks which publish glowing accounts of future prospects.

The skating-rink boom may last; but it is very much of a gamble, and those who put their money in any and every company formed for such a purpose are taking a great risk.

Some of them no doubt will do well; others have practically no hope of success.

Unless care is exercised there may be a repetition of the greyhound-racing company boom, in which so many thousands of shareholders lost their money.

After Jowitt

Another K.C. is looking for a safe Labour seat, in readiness for the next General Election.

This looks as though legal circles, at any rate, expect a continuance of Labour rule.

Let there be light

In the new session of Parliament, whatever happens with other measures, the Slum Clearance Bill must be kept clear of Party wrangling.

There are two million children now growing up in pestilent, dark slums. Their parents, too, occupy these unfit habitations.

Cleanliness and decent living must be made available to the poor *at rents they can pay.*

Only one hundred!

Some M.P.s, including Sir Kingsley Wood, object to the drastic provisions of the Government's Collecting Charities (Regulation) Bill on the ground that in the whole country there are only about a hundred bogus charities preying on the public.

These hundred bogus concerns can do an immense amount of mischief, and there is no way of stopping them except by a Government regulation of all charities.

The Bill will also put a check on those organisations which, while not actually fraudulent, absorb a heavy proportion of their collections in "expenses."

The Government will be prepared to modify the Bill in Committee to meet some of the criticisms that have been made.

Fuel for resentment

All things considered, it would ill become the present Government to carry out any scheme such as the projected dismissal of a hundred ex-Service men from the Ministry of Labour office at Kew.

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Especially is this so at a time when considerable resentment has been aroused by the promotion to high positions of two conscientious objectors in the Post Office.

Mr. Lees Smith's explanation in that case—that they were better fitted than any available ex-Service men—even if true, is insufficient.

Fatted calves are waiting

The heavy drop in British immigration to the United States is one of the most hopeful signs of the times. It shows our economic recovery is advanced enough to keep our best types of citizens at home.

America has benefited hugely in attracting much of the cream of our population over the Atlantic. They are the builders and the brains of a big part of American industry.

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Sir William Morris is one of many who believes that an industrial revival here would bring the wanderers home again.

Two million Britishers are living in the United States to-day who have refused to take out naturalisation papers.

Toil toddlers

Directors of canal companies are opposing Mr. Harry Gosling's Bill to prevent children under fifteen living on canal-boats. They are now circulating to M.P.s a printed document stating their objections to the Bill.

His Bill opposed

They say that if the children were removed from the boats—with the object of giving them a decent elementary education—many of the boatmen would be thrown out of work.

The mothers, they say, would follow the children ashore, and these particular canal-boats—which require to be worked by a man and his family—will not pay if two men are required to work them.

This system is defended on the ground that it has been in existence for 150 years.

What think our readers?

…is now probable that Mr. Snow-…den Chancellor of the Exchequer, …may abolish the motor import …duties on a sliding scale, in order …to avoid the shock that manu-…facturers and distributors might …if the whole 33⅓ per cent. were …off at one stroke.

…nder the proposal the reduction …ld be spread over three years, the …being reduced by just over 11 per …each year, and the interests con-…ed being given a chance to accom-…ate themselves to the gradually …nging conditions

…this relief—

…we predicted two weeks ago, Mr. …Donald has selected the complete …*ouncil* for an Advisory Economic …ncil

…again choosing an expert from …ng the Liberals Mr. MacDonald has …ngthened his Party by going out-…it.

…e political value of this advisory …ncil to the Government, however, …condary to its importance as a re-…rcement to the harassed Lord Privy …Mr. Thomas.

…neone forgot

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…d not the Government had no in-…on to ignore their political oppo-…s, but Mr. MacDonald should have …nning to say to the Hospitality …mittee.

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…e problem of what is to be done …people who are out of work and …to get busy is the most difficult …r history.

…e riot at Watford is a sidelight. …ocal men resented the idea that …ined local youths should have to …on the "dole" while Welsh-…from the local training-centre …ilton jobs.

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…e only good point that emerges …keen desire for work. Our ap-…"Revive the Miners' Fund," on …24, makes heartrending reading …get it is only one phase of the …problem.

…Government must move for that …national non-Party effort which …all promised and then smothered.

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…last the Government has decided …reform which we have urged. …at is that the office of Secretary …tate for the Dominions and …ies should be abolished, and that …should be separate Secretaries of …for the Dominions and the …ies.

…e formal announcement of this …he new appointments may be ex-…d very soon.

…road to Moscow

…e of the early fruits of the re-…ion of Russian relations is that …n touring facilities are to be re-…d in certain areas of the Soviet …n

"IF YOU SEE IT"—*Continued*

Hard on the judge

It must have been gall and wormwood to Lord Hewart to give judgment in favour of the Minister of Health and the Liverpool Corporation in the case in which a rule *nisi* for a writ of *certiorari* had been obtained by Mr. Abraham Yaffe, of Liverpool.

His lordship told us in his great book how the orders of Ministers could now override or go beyond Acts of Parliament.

And here he had to rule that it was so and the Minister's order held good, though outside the scope of the Housing Act.

Well, he had to do it. But what price Parliamentary government?

Triers

The Minister of Health has instructed Boards of Guardians that stone-breaking and the other old forms of test-work must be done away with wherever possible, and that test-work must be adapted to training unemployed men to take new jobs.

The Poplar Board of Guardians has already made a good start. Its test-work consists of instruction in carpentry, boot-repairing, arithmetic and physical training.

The reports show that the unemployed are being improved in morale, in physique, and in knowledge as a result. "There are triers about," reports one of the instructors.

Autocrat of the Abbey

Now that the Dean of Westminster has been told by an independent committee that there is no excuse for disfiguring the Abbey by building a modern sacristy where it would be a permanent eyesore, those who have fought the Dean consistently during the past months have cause to congratula'e themselves.

"We warned the Dean"

When the Dean announced some time ago that he was master in his own Abbey, and was going to build to suit himself, we warned him that though he might be the autocrat of the Abbey in law, he was asking for more trouble than he knew.

Now he knows.

Short hours

In America at least a million workpeople enjoy full Saturday holidays all the year round.

Some 270 manufacturing firms, employing 280,000 hands on the five-day week, were questioned as to the effect of short hours. Many of them stated that the five-day week had not reduced output. Nearly 20 per cent. said their output had actually increased.

The movement towards the five-day week in America is spreading rapidly, particularly in the building and printing trades.

On this side we have the cotton industry declining and efforts being made to introduce the unhealthy double-shift system. Is it cause and effect?

Dear old daddy

"You are one of the most despicable characters who has faced this Bench," said the chairman (Mr. R. Hewitt) at the Oldham Police Court to Peter Lloyd (fifty), of Cully Street, Oldham, who was given three months' hard labour for assaulting his twenty-two-year-old daughter, and for cruelty to four children under sixteen.

Lloyd, a widower, does not bother to work, but lives on the £4 a week his children bring in.

His brutality has them in a perpetual state of terror, and his favourite method of punishment is kicking with his clogs.

Even the twenty-two-year-old daughter is not immune from this very effective method, and during one violent outbreak he told her "One of us has to die."

Won't they miss him!

Stout union

Critics of trade unionism, who are always complaining that it has no constructive side, should give credit where it is due—to the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

This big union, in addition to paying out over half a million pounds in benefits annually, last year lent to its members no less than £106,949 with which to buy their own houses.

Many thousands of the union's members now own their houses as a result of the help which it has been giving them in recent years in this direction.

Ships to build

The many thousands of shipyard workers seeking employment at Barrow who have petitioned the Government for work may take hope.

The two 20,000-ton contracts for the construction of P. and O. turbo-electric liners have been awarded to Vickers-Armstrong, and we hear that they are likely to be built at Barrow.

The building contracts for four passenger and cargo liners for the Chileans have gone to the Clyde, while the order for two 12,500-ton tankers for Anglo-American account has been given to Tyne builders.

Scented pensions

A matter which is arousing legitimate anxiety among suburban traders is the growing practice of trading in Government offices.

For example, in the offices of the Ministry of Pensions at Acton and Kew every conceivable article is sold, including such things as gloves and scent.

Mr. Roberts, the Pensions Minister, must realise that this sort of thing is unfair to the small trader, who must find rent and rates for his little shop.

Britain tenth

Great Britain still lags behind in telephone installation. Last year we had only 127,000 extra 'phones installed, bringing our total number up to 1,886,500, or 3.9 telephones per 100 persons.

America heads the list with 16.5 per 100. Canada, New Zealand and Denmark follow with 13.7, 10.3, and 9.2 per 100 respectively

We come tenth on the international list.

There is little chance of our reducing telephone charges or raising the capacity of our own service unless we can speed up the development of installation.

Lonely isle

We suggest to Mr. Adamson, the Secretary for Scotland, that he should take steps to transplant the forty people who live on the bleak rock of St. Kilda to one of the other islands of the Hebrides, where more civilised conditions prevail.

St. Kilda is cut off for eight months of the year from all regular communication with the mainland. If an epidemic of sickness breaks out the people are completely helpless.

It is unfair to allow the islanders to deteriorate as they are doing through in-breeding and the hardships of isolation.

Rail and water

The large number of shipowners who have lately joined the boards of the big railway companies is a significant indication of closer co-operation between the big transport concerns.

But though merchants will welcome any move to unify and cheapen transport, cutting out healthy competition is by no means desirable.

The public naturally distrusts anything in the nature of a price-ring, particularly if it forces small and enterprising companies out of business.

Lord Lee of Fareham, Chairman of the Commission, has made his report. Where is it?

Pigeon-holed

What is happening about the report of the Royal Commission on Police Powers? It was issued last March, after nineteen meetings and the taking and analysing of the evidence of ninety-six witnesses.

Not one of the recommendations—the fruit of six months' hard work—has been put into force.

The net result has been the expenses of the commission, £5,000, and a vast deal of uncertainty at Scotland Yard. The police there do not quite know where they are.

Birds of passage

London hotel-proprietors are suffering from an epidemic of those elusive persons who run up extravagant bills in a few weeks and flit in the night.

During the past few months these flitters have caused a loss of thousands of pounds to Bloomsbury boarding-house and hotel keepers alone. Often they are not worth prosecuting.

At a fashionable Mayfair hotel a young swell left luggage not worth a fiver, and a note of apology saying he was penniless. With his wife and valet he had stayed in the best suite for a month, and owed nearly £200.

Investigation showed that he was an undischarged bankrupt.

Robbing asylum officers

Here is a case of gross injustice. If it is due to that gross ass, the law, then the law should be altered, and meanwhile the Minister of Health should do justice to Miss Bullman.

She was for three years a nurse at Berrywood County Asylum, and contributed weekly out of her own salary.

When she resigned she asked for the return of her money.

She was told that, under the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Act, contributions cannot be returned when the officer retires voluntarily, unless in the event of a female officer marrying.

The thing is as absurd as it is unjust.

Not English

How long can Mr. Clynes continue to resist the attack of the powerful groups of women who are insisting that Englishwomen who marry foreigners must not be alienated automatically?

Now an Englishwoman who marries, say, an American in Austria may on that account be exiled there indefinitely.

Women who had never been outside these shores were classed with their husbands as enemy aliens during the war, while many German women enjoyed all the privileges of citizenship because they had married Englishmen.

Barnyard justice

Sidney Walter Nevard, a homeless labourer, with only a penny in his possession, was sentenced by the Bromley, Kent, magistrates to three months' hard labour for sleeping in a barn.

He had not been in trouble previously, but had once been sent to a workhouse with the view of being certified weak-minded.

The Bench merely remarked that he was not a useful member of society.

It is monstrous that a harmless man should be thus punished. Keep him under observation; but not in prison.

Untempered with mercy

Our readers will be sure that we do not feel too tender to those who defraud the members of the British Legion. But we cannot stomach the treatment meted out by Mr. Justice Wilson at Derry to James Davis, junr.

Davis was convicted of having forged a receipt for £3. It was a *first offence*.

He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and the judge told him that he was a "broken man," that he had "lost everything, including honour," and he hoped God would forgive him.

Very sleepy

What name to give to Police-Inspector Jacques' evidence at Keighley we don't know.

Mark McDonell, labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged as drunk and disorderly. He pleaded "Not guilty," and Jacques gave "corroborative evidence."

He went to prisoner's cell, and found him fast asleep. "I took that as a sure sign of drunkenness, for he had fallen asleep within ten minutes of being put into the cell."

Oh, Jacques! His test would convict half the Members of Parliament.

They gloat

There has been much comment on Mr. A. Shepherd's article in our columns on "A Barbarous Practice—Parade," and much support for its contentions.

"Much comment . . . much support"

We learn that in a number of towns where the police station or prison is not very far from the tram, the chain-gangs of miserable prisoners pass for some distance down the main streets.

This is personally vouched for by eye-witnesses in the case in Preston, Southport and Gateshead.

In Gateshead the time of the parade is generally known, and morbid idlers gather to gloat. This should be stopped.

Hun-believable

S. Falkenfeld is a man to avoid. He advertises for firms wishing to represent German manufacturers, to buy German goods, and to sell in Germany.

A reader of JOHN BULL applied, and in reply got a letter, with typewritten heading, asking for £2 registration-fee and £5 for each accepted agency.

Is this some get-back on reparations?

Bad policy

A retired Indian Army officer has just sent us particulars of a whole-life insurance policy which is open to very grave criticism.

In three years he has paid £131 in premiums, but if he discontinues now the company involved will allow him only £32 as surrender value.

These disadvantages are seldom pointed out when clients are being persuaded to sign on the dotted line.

Sportsmen!

Anything approaching hooliganism on the part of a first-class football team is sternly dealt with.

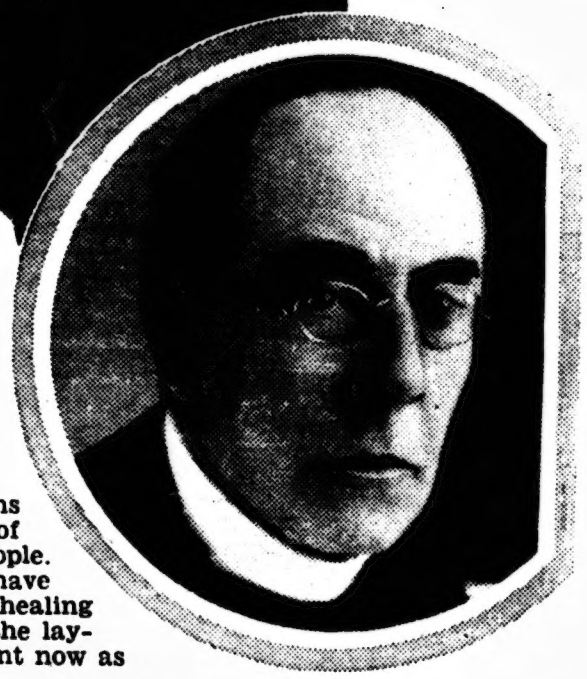
Supporters, however, still have comparatively free hand, and recently there has been an epidemic of barracking and referee-hunting. Dressing-rooms have been rushed, missiles have been thrown, and players kicked by unsporting spectators.

Playing-grounds frequented by such "sportsmen" should be boycotted.

MY FAITH IN MIRACLE HEALING

by The BISHOP of WOOLWICH

Bishop talks a coster's ow. Below: ude portrait



The report of a committee, appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to consider the use of laying-on of hands and other spiritual means of healing, forms the basis of the work in which I and many other Churchmen, clerical and lay, are interested.

It is the inspiration of the Guild of St. Raphael, the organisation of which I have the privilege to be the Warden.

First of all, it must be understood that there is no relationship between spiritual healing as we understand and practise it, and the Christian Science of Mrs. Eddy, nor with the "magnetic healing" and other methods usually associated with beliefs in the "occult."

Spiritual healing, through the laying-on of hands or the anointing of the sick, is in direct line with the traditions of the Church and the teachings of its Founder.

We are not opposed to the theory and practice of medical science. On the contrary, we maintain there is no antagonism between spirit and matter.

In our view, the medical man is also an agent of God's healing power, even though he may not recognise it. Hospitals, clinics, the work of the psycho-analysts—all these are part of the great healing mission of Christ.

Unfortunately, not much is heard of the spiritual healing which is practised within the Church of England; not much is known of our Guild of St. Raphael.

That is because we are not sensational miracle-mongers; we do not seek advertisement by the publication of startling results, nor by any other methods which savour of quackery.

But yet we feel strongly that our truth should be shared by others; and that is why I have felt it my duty to accept the offer to write on spiritual healing for the readers of JOHN BULL.

Our methods are the methods of commonsense. At the very least, we can assist the doctor by our prayers, which will bring the patient that peace and serenity which are such essential conditions for a successful cure.

Not that we consider this the limit of the power with which God has entrusted us. We believe also that the Ministry of Healing can definitely ensure recovery, in some cases. And, if I wished to adopt the methods of advertisement which I have mentioned above, I could cite amazing examples.

It will be seen, then, that we are ready and anxious to co-operate with science, and to give to science that spiritual power which shall strengthen its works. In fact, this is becoming more widely recognised.

There are doctors who send their patients to us; for they realise how beneficial our help can be. There are doctors—men eminent in their profession—who speak at our meetings and bear witness to the efficacy of our aid.

We believe that every man and woman can give aid to the sick by earnest prayer.

Christian people should unite in continuous intercession for the sick by name. In every parish there should be a band of such praying people who would meet, with the incumbent, in church one day a week.

The sick people should be brought by name and laid at the feet of our Lord, while special petitions should be made for them. And from time to time thanks should be returned for definite answers to these special prayers.

Then, again, we believe that penance is a healing agent. The presence of some hidden sin, unconfessed, unforgiven, acts like a poison.

Successful women

SIN may be dragged out into the light by confession, and the patient may receive absolution for the past and hope of health for the future. This we believe to be a spiritual truth—part of which has been apprehended by the psycho-analysts in their studies.

And, then, we do certainly believe that there are some people who have a strange power of healing by the laying-on of hands—both clergy and lay persons. I say "strange power" only because it seems to reside in some people and not in others; but the actual power itself has been known for centuries, and is authorised by Holy Scripture.

There are women who have been most successful in healing work. Some perform the laying-on of hands, with the knowledge and guidance of the doctor and the clergyman.

We of the Church of England who believe in spiritual healing deal mainly with individuals only. We are not prepared immediately to encourage healing missions to a large extent, because we think that such missions sometimes induce a mood of hysteria, during which persons may fancy that they are cured, and afterwards suffer a relapse.

We are opposed to theatrical demonstrations of mass healing. Rather do we believe that people should be prepared beforehand for healing ministration, in a calm atmosphere.

All communicants of the Church of England are eligible for membership in our guild, which is now growing satisfactorily. We have branches in various places. Both men and women may become members.

We believe

WE believe all healing comes from God—whatever its agencies—and the last thing we desire is to claim that we are capable of working cures where the doctors fail.

Spiritual healing is in the ascendant. We believe the day is approaching when the whole Church will recognise it as an integral part of the Church's ministration. To speed that day—and, in the meantime, to give comfort and strength to the sick—such is our mission.

I am fully aware that many readers may be anxious to read accounts of specific cases of miraculous cures. Of such cases we are aware, but I feel strongly that these accounts should not appear in this article.

It would be impossible to give full details or adduce sufficient evidence. We have faith to believe that the spiritual power of our Lord is present to heal to-day, and we leave it to the medical expert to pronounce the cure.

WHO says that the age of miracles is past? And why should it ? Why, if our Lord ld heal the sick in turies gone by, can He do so now? Has mysterious power of aling passed?

Such are the questions ich occupy the minds of y earnest religious people. d there are many who have cided that the power of healing faith, by prayer, or by the lay-on of hand is as evident now as r before.

A valuable new light on the mysteries of ritual healing is to be gained from a ently published book by Dr. H. P. Newsholme edical Officer of Health for Birmingham), der the title of "Health, Disease and Inration."

That last word strikes the keynote of the ole book, which deals mainly with those uses within the individual personality that ke for or against the harmonious working gether or "integration" of body, mind and rit to withstand disease and maintain health wholeness.

Interesting study

ND the feature of special importance, to the members of a guild such as ours of St. Raphael, is the stress upon the *spiritual* element in disease and aling.

This is not the place for anything in the ture of a review of this deeply interesting dy of certain diseases, written in more or s technical language and illustrated by merous cases described from the author's n experience.

It is the main line of argument running ough it that concerns us in relation to the oblems of spiritual healing, which it should courage us to face with new courage and ion.

For the conclusion which Dr. Newsholme ks to establish is that among the various tors that make for disease and health the st vitally important are those working p down in the *spiritual* region of our plex human nature.

C A N D I D C O M M U N I C A T I O N S

Four Dead Englishwomen

Learn from the King—Mrs. Grundy and the Bathing Girls—The Pillory for Him

M. GASTON DOUMERGUE,
President o the French Refubl:

DEAR SIR,—I am sure that you must have been seriously perturbed by the fact that your police have failed to solve the mystery of the death in France of yet another Englishwoman.

Olive Edith Branson died by violence Annie Gordon and Florence Wilson were undoubtedly murdered. May Daniels was found dead in circumstances which pointed unmistakably in the same direction.

And in each and every one of these cases your police have been completely baffled.

It is, sir, a tragic coincidence that all these four unhappy women were British.

Are you not afraid that in the popular mind over here a suspicion may be aroused that if they had been French, police enquiries might perhaps have been more successful, and would certainly have been more thorough.

That such a suspicion will damage the tourist traffic among young women does not make me sorry. But it might damage the relations between our two countries, for popular feeling is a sensitive instrument.

I trust you will put this view of the facts before your Chief of Police.

JOHN BULL.

Sir JOHN REITH,
British Broadcasting Company

DEAR SIR,—I am certain that you listened-in to the magnificent speech delivered by His Majesty the King in opening the Naval Conference of the Five Powers. And I am as certain that you were struck by the clearness and purity of the diction.

Every word, every phrase, every sentence was not only absolutely distinct, but was English undefiled by trace of accent—the accent of class or school.

Now it strikes me that some of your announcers must be interested in this perfect example.

And, if they were unlucky enough to miss it, I think you should urge them to get a gramophone record of the speech and study it.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. A. GREENWOOD,
Minister of Health

DEAR SIR,—There is urgent need for action by yourself in regard to the North Riding Infirmary, Middlesbrough.

A sub-committee reports that patients have remained unexamined and even unvisited for long periods after serious operations, and that the house-surgeon has sometimes refused to get up at night.

It is declared that the out-patients' department is almost completely without adequate supervision, and that for long "strange relations" have existed between the secretary superintendent and the nursing staff, house surgeon and the hon. medical staff.

These are charges of the gravest sort. Prompt and drastic action is demanded.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. LORD SANKEY, G.B.E.,
Lord Chancellor

MY LORD,—I see that you were recently the guest of the Haldane Club, a newly formed association of Labour barristers instituted to render assistance to the Labour movement.

It is not very clear how these barristers propose to operate, but you suggested for them the Haldane motto, "Work done for others."

My suggestion is that they should start by getting the laws of the land put into plain English!

JOHN BULL.

Sir ALEXANDER KENNEDY,
Fairfield Shipbuilding Works, Glasgow

DEAR SIR,—Your speech at the launching of the s.s. *Princess Elizabeth* was brave and wise.

It was brave of you to give your blessing to the Naval Conference, considering that a reduction in naval shipbuilding will entail a terrific loss to you and your fellow-shipbuilders.

It was wise as well as brave of you to urge industrialists to face the problem hopefully, change the basis of production, and find new markets for their products.

That's the spirit to make Britain win through!

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. A. HENDERSON, M.P.,
Foreign Secretary

DEAR SIR,—Don't be stampeded into endangering trade relations with Russia because of the scare-cry of Soviet propaganda.

I am sure you will remember, in the days of your youth and mine, how loudly the scaremongers howled about the anti-English propaganda of the Tsarist Government.

There was some truth in what they said—just as much as there is in the present scare. For Russia remains aggressively imperialistic. That is no reason for not trading with her.

JOHN BULL.

Mrs. MACAULEY,
Paignton, Torquay

HEROIC CENSOR,—When a squad of athletic young women in bathing-dresses paraded for physical jerks before a movie-camera and sound-recording apparatus, you, although described as little and old, promptly delivered such a talkie that the party retreated hastily to the beach.

You were brave; but are you wise? These girls were young and seeking health. In that they are wiser than your generation And if they are well made, bathing-dresses will not offend.

To call them indecent was hardly mannerly. Interference is what makes the nuisance.

JOHN BULL.

Councillor W. ANDERSON,
Doncaster

SIR,—Your formal motion to provide members of the Doncaster Council with first-class railway-fares or motor-cars when no trains are available, free tram and 'bus rides, and a salary of £1 a week, would, if carried, make English local government a laughing-stock, or, worse, turn it into a Tom Tiddler's ground of self-interest.

Men who have not sufficient public spirit to put themselves to some inconvenience for the good of the community do not merit the honour of councillorship.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. W. H. STONE,
Surrey Branch, Farmers' Union

DEAR SIR,—Don't talk rot! If subsidies are the only hope for British farming, we had better shut up shop. But they aren't.

Farmers can do more to help themselves. For example, they can do an immense amount to improve their methods of marketing, and they *might* improve their methods of production.

Government can, and should, help them to help themselves. We believe a courageous land policy is essential.

But you farmers must not continue to sit under your vines and fig-trees waiting for the roasted pigeons to drop into your mouth.

JOHN BULL.

Sir THOMAS BEECHAM,
19, Grosvenor Square, London, W.

DEAR SIR THOMAS,—You are to be congratulated upon having been invited to conduct at the great operatic festival shortly to be held at Cologne.

It is perhaps significant that no sooner have our troops of occupation departed than a great English leader of art is asked to visit our late enemies.

It is significant that you will conduct Wagner's "Maestersinger," the most joyful composition of a German musician, who was exiled from his own country for his political pamphlets expressing hatred of militarism.

Civilisation seems to be advancing, after all.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. HARVEY HEATON,
St. Michael's Road, Aigburth

MISERABLE MAN,—It is a pity the pillory is not still in use, so that you might be placed in it and labelled for all Liverpool to see as the landlord who took food vouchers from a starving family.

Calling to distrain for rent, you grabbed four food-vouchers issued by the guardians, leaving your unfortunate tenant, his wife and three children without the means of getting a meal.

Then, to add to the hideousness of your offence, you returned the next day and tried to squeeze money out of your famishing victims by offering to sell them the vouchers.

It is astounding that the magistrates had only the power to fine you 40s. for such horrible conduct.

JOHN BULL.

STRAIGHT from the Shoulder

JUDGE CLUER: "Neurasthenia did not exist until the passing of the Workmen's Compensation Act."

No? Perhaps they called it suicide whilst of unsound mind.

MR. F. W. GOODENOUGH: "The great need of the nation is to realise that the day of the amateur in commerce is gone."

But we don't want the professional in politics.

DEAN INGE: "The veterans of the Great War do not wear their hearts upon their sleeves."

That saves a good many people the occasion to blush for shame, anyhow.

The Sentence of the Court

THE VERY REV.'S Message from Mars

HIS Adam's apple swelling with indignation, the Very Rev. Frederick Waltham Worsley, D.D., Dean of Llandaff, intoned a plea of "Not Guilty" to a charge of false pretences.

"During the war," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "many clergymen, either from motives of patriotism or expediency, decided that it was better to take sides temporarily with Mars.

"But some became such valiant word-warriors during that period that they are still delivering messages from Mars, while pretending to be interpreting the teaching of the Prince of Peace.

"In a recent oration, the accused held forth so much in the manner of a publicity-agent from a naval shipbuilding-yard that one might be excused for supposing that he regards his job as a labourer in the Lord's vineyard as an unfortunate accident of birth.'

"'The truth about disarmament,' he announced, 'is that it is utter folly.'

"I can only conclude that this pronouncement, delivered a few days before the opening of the Naval Conference, was not treated with the respect it deserved at Buckingham Palace, otherwise His Majesty could scarcely have been guilty of the folly of expressing the hope that the conference would hasten the coming of general disarmament.

"Brother Worsley is convinced that any such hope is utter nonsense, because 'basic human nature has not altered one atom from the earliest times until now.' Furthermore: 'One of the deepest instincts in human nature is the desire for revenge.'

"Having pondered these profound truths, he has come to the conclusion that the proper text for Christians is: 'If you desire peace, be ready for war.'"

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Mr. Strawsplitter said what the Dean had set out to explain was that the oft-quoted "Peace on earth, good will toward men" should be interpreted as "Peace on earth toward men of good will," and we could not regard as men of good will the upholders of certain "sinister forces" in Russia and elsewhere.

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"Many of us," said Mr. Justice Bull, "have become somewhat weary of clerical attempts to twist an admirable Christian sentiment into a maxim of political expediency; for, of course, it is always possible to obtain an ecclesiastical assurance that any people whom we may be urged to fight are not 'men of good will.'

"Thinking men share the King's hope of ultimate world-wide disarmament, and to tell these that to ensure peace they must prepare for war is as fatuous as it would be for this sapient cleric to inform his flock that if they wish for salvation they must behave as though seeking damnation.

"The sentence of the Court is that the doughty Dean who is so anxious to prepare for war shall be enabled to undergo six months' personal preparation in the stokehold of a destroyer."

HATRY'S REAL *Victims*

Exclusive Disclosures

Mr. F. C. Goodenough chairman, said Barclay's bank might possibly lose £333,200

Marques of Winchester ... its winding up"

"£100 means more to them than a million meant to Hatry."

THE real victims of the Hatry crash have been lost sight of in the welter of publicity that has been accorded to this wizard financier's career and the stupendous figures ... in the case.

The far-reaching effects will probably never be accurately estimated, for there are many thousands of sufferers. ... them the Stock Exchange and the ... can know nothing.

... bona-fide industrial concerns ... the country which had pre... schemes of development were ... to raise the necessary capital ... to the shaken confidence of in...

... schemes would have meant ... employment of workers of all kinds ... the dole.

... only have new enterprises been ... but companies otherwise ... mentally sound have been unable ... the money that would have ... them to weather the storm.

... actual monetary losses that can ... to Hatry's frauds are strag... enough. Apart from unsecured ... to creditors and others, ... to £12,750,000, the amount ... so far as the investing public ... is £1,200,000.

Forced up shares

... illustrate their hardships let us ... of the Hatry companies—... Trades Securities, Ltd., ... had an issued capital of ...

... issuing false statements regarding the trading progress of the company and the declaration of a totally unearned dividend Hatry succeeded in forcing the shares to an inflated ... on the Stock Exchange.

... he had thrown dust in the ... small investors in this way ... out at a large profit.

Hatry cleverly disguised his activities by arranging that the dealings in these shares should be done through some of the companies which he controlled.

As a result of this one operation the public was fleeced of more than half a million pounds.

The Marquess of Winchester, the chairman of the company, recently applied to the Court for its winding-up on the ground that he had discovered Hatry had misused its assets.

The tangled finances of this company were not investigated at the trial.

There is a total deficiency of £1,856,013.

Who are the true sufferers? All over the country, in places as far apart as Rochdale, Brompton-by-Sawdon, Yeovil, Wimbledon and Hastings, there are married women, widows and spinsters who are all tragically represented.

An examination of share registers of the company shows us that these poor people are involved for amounts ranging from £50 to £300.

A hundred pounds to them means infinitely more than a million ever meant to Hatry, yet they have lost every penny. For them it means bleak ruin and the shattering of all their hopes.

With them are all other kinds of working-class victims, including colliery workers, retired clerks, fruit-sellers and warehousemen.

Even people too poor to have any money to spare for investment are drawn into the whirlpool.

Hatry's Corporation Stock frauds mean an additional burden to every ratepayer in Wakefield, Swindon and Gloucester. Swindon alone is owed £251,171. And large amounts are also owing to the other two corporations.

In order to meet these gigantic deficits rates will have to be raised and the effect will thus be felt by the poor local people for years to come.

Another indication of the widespread effect of the frauds is afforded by the statement made by Mr. F. C. Goodenough, Chairman of Barclays Bank, Ltd., to the effect that his bank might possibly lose £330,000, either directly or indirectly through the Hatry crash.

He stressed the fact that indirect losses would fall upon the bank through customers to whom loans had been made being themselves involved.

The Stock Exchange Committee cannot escape all responsibility for a state of affairs which permits frauds of this nature.

It is an amazing thing that, although some of its members have undoubtedly made fortunes through dealings in these shares, the Committee has taken no action to safeguard the public.

During the boom, dealings in the Hatry shares were taking place many hundred times a day, and on each of these transactions members of the Stock Exchange took commission.

We have repeatedly drawn attention during the last two years to the steady growth in the City of London of mushroom issuing-houses and defaulting underwriters through whose pernicious activities in floating worthless companies for their own gain something like £10,000,000 has been lost to the investing public.

Safeguards

The Stock Exchange Committee could end all this by the simple process of co-operating with the Companies Department of the Board of Trade.

Between them they could introduce a regulation requiring issuing houses to have a Board of Trade licence before being able to commence business, and stipulating that a substantial monetary deposit should be lodged with the Stock Exchange Committee to meet claims in the event of default.

Another manner in which they might bring pressure to bear upon unscrupulous company rogues would be to frame a rule prohibiting any company from continuing to do business with the public if it was behind with its balance-sheets and returns.

By concealing from the public such essential facts year after year, thousands of companies have drifted to disaster.

Very Sweet at £2 a Day

Weekly Informations from SIR WYNDHAM CHILDS

I HAVE been watching the activities of the National Confectionery Industry, Limited, and it is time that its claws were clipped.

Its latest "follow-up" letter to an alluring advertisement is quite the worst production I have seen. Four months ago one of my readers answered the advertisement.

There was a silence for two months, and then he received a very "special" letter which began:

"All communications with members are confidential, and must not be published or divulged to third parties without the consent of the executive. . . ."

The letter purported to come from the governing director, who addressed the reader as dear friend, and went on "to offer you a most unusual opportunity—a chance to enter the Happy Family of Confectionery Home-Workers. . . ."

As the only member in the district, "this should mean 30s. a day to you if you can devote full time to the work. . . ."

"I have arranged a special cash first payment of only £1 1s. . . . This should enable you to begin to manufacture and sell a large line of National Confections at once . . . and earn a handsome income besides. . . ."

"Think what it means to you! Visualise the delight you will have adding from £5 to £10 to your income and have the luxuries that make life worth living. . . .

"Would not you like £1 to £2 a day for delightful spare hours at home?

"I must have your decision within ten days at the very latest—sooner if possible. . . ."

My correspondent lives in a little obscure village in Devonshire. He is offered the prospect of making up to £730 per annum.

If the net profit is, say, 25 per cent. after paying all costs, to earn £730 a year would mean sales of £2,920.

True, the National Confectionery Industry, Limited, is kind enough to undertake to buy the "finished article" where a local market is not big enough, but does it seriously suggest it is possible to make "£2 a day for delightful spare hours at home"?

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Apart from the monstrous claims which this company make, there is the fact that, having failed to draw my correspondent with its original literature, it now offers him "the first four lessons of the course and complete outfit of tools at a reduced rate."

These "personal" follow-up letters are getting too common, and too many firms of the type of the National Confectionery Industry are adopting them.

Throw into the waste-paper-basket communications which start "Dear Friend" or "Dear Competitor."

Legal Torture of the ROAD-MAIMED

The ambulance ride is only one step in the weary journey

Mr. Justice Acton awarded Hall £300 damages and costs

THE unhappy position of many poor people who may be the victims of accidents is brought forcibly home in the following story of an aged cripple's weary fight.

It should be carefully pondered by the hundreds of people similarly placed.

Innumerable sufferers, either through ignorance or lack of means, often accept absurd sums in "full settlement" for injuries when legitimately entitled to far more.

In the case before us, a seventy-five-year-old man, named John Richard Hall, of 7, Surrey Street, London, S.E., was knocked down by a motor-van while crossing the Thames Embankment near Waterloo Bridge.

Seventeen months

The accident occurred in September, 1928, *but Mr. Hall's case has only just been settled!*

Mr. Hall is a wonderful old man for his age, and was still in employment as a carpenter at the time of the accident, never having had a doctor in his life.

Moreover, having lived in London for years, he was fully alive to traffic dangers, and insisted that he did not attempt to cross the road without first looking carefully about him.

On this tragic occasion, however, he was suddenly overtaken by a van, flung headlong across the tram-lines, and picked up unconscious with frightful injuries to the head and body, his left leg being completely crushed.

He lay for half an hour before being removed to hospital, recovering consciousness in the interval.

After treatment at a London hospital, he was removed to St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, where he remained for three months.

Lost a leg

The injuries to his leg were so severe that the limb had to be amputated.

His son, though by no means a wealthy man, immediately made himself responsible for his aged father's welfare, paid the hospital fees and all other expenses, and eventually instructed a solicitor to take up the case to safeguard the old man's interests.

By this time it was clear that the shock to a man of Mr. Hall's years was one from which he could never fully recover.

At first the assurance company, claiming that the old man had contributed to the accident, denied liability, and after six months of fruitless negotiation a writ had to be issued for compensation.

Before the case could be proceeded with, however, it was necessary for the victim to pay £30 into court as security against costs should he lose his action.

This was a sad set-back; but Mr. Hall's son drew on his savings and saved the situation.

Meanwhile, various relatives had collected amongst them sufficient money to furnish him with an artificial limb, and as he was no longer able to continue in his employment, his upkeep also became their responsibility.

Offer declined

Months of further negotiation followed, during which the legal costs mounted steadily, and then an offer of £100 was made in full and final settlement.

It was wisely decided to let the case proceed, but more months passed before it was put down for trial, and still the costs mounted.

Then, within two weeks of the case being due for hearing before Mr. Justice Acton, the poor old man had to suffer the ordeal of being taken to the scene of the accident, where the whole grim business was "reconstructed."

By this time sixteen months had elapsed since he had been run over, and a further offer, this time of £200, was refused.

At the hearing of the case, the weary old sufferer explained quite frankly that he had no desire to "make money," and said that he would be quite satisfied to be paid a reasonable sum for the loss of his leg, and if he could be reimbursed for his out-of-pocket expenses.

The result was that the court awarded him £300 compensation and costs.

But what a struggle to get it!

Mr. A. Hassard-Short, Poor Persons Department in the Law Courts, knows how people with little money can get justice

We have quoted this case with [illegible] object and one object alone. We [illegible] not seek to put any blame upon [illegible] contesting parties, all of whom [illegible] guided by legal advisers.

But we do feel very strongly that [illegible] machinery for settling claims of [illegible] nature is cumbersome and liable [illegible] cause great physical and mental suffering to innocent people.

What would have been the position of this poor old man, robbed of [illegible] livelihood, if he had not had the [illegible] ing of relatives and friends?

A better way

He could not even have raised [illegible] security for costs, and so would have been unable to fight his case.

It should be quite simple to frame measures whereby all such claims could be speedily and satisfactorily settled without it being necessary for poor men to expend every penny of their savings to secure a hearing.

Road accidents are now so terribly frequent that it would pay the State and the parties to such disputes to appoint assessors to deal specially with such cases, more particularly where negligence was admitted or had been proved.

"MAJOR'S" Blank Round

A PICTURESQUE figure is at present moving about in this country in the person of Major Robert Weisner, a smart, monocled man of middle-age, who likes to confide to every acquaintance he makes that he is "just back from Montreal."

He recently turned up in Newcastle, and registered at a fashionable hotel, giving his permanent address as being in Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, London.

He stayed for some days, spinning stories of his Canadian interests. He claimed as an old intimate friend a prominent clergyman.

Then, one day, the genial "Major" persuaded the hotel management to give him a negotiable cheque for £50 in exchange for a crossed one drawn on the London branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

He left hurriedly without having paid his bill, and, too late, the cheque came back marked "No account."

Many other hotels have been similarly defrauded, and this should serve as a warning to others who may meet the plausible "major."

Mr. W. M. Tickler resigned because he was not satisfied with the underwriting of Multidoor, Ltd.

THOUSANDS

AUTOMATIC vending-machines as a means of defeating the silly restrictions on the sale of cigarettes "after hours" made a public appeal, but the company-promotion "boom" which followed has brought sorrow and distress to thousands.

The Turner Automatic Machines, Ltd., burst on the public in the autumn of 1928 with great promise of money to be made and an appeal for £250,000.

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Among the directors was Major Leslie Hore-Belisha, M.P., the barrister, whose brilliant record was sufficient to impress the public.

Also on the board was Mr. Arthur Ladenburg, M.C., who has been chairman of the company since Major Hore-Belisha resigned some time ago.

Mr. Ladenburg has for years been closely associated with a big City issuing-house called W. Ladenburg and Company, of 16, St. Helen's Place, London, which, despite its many flotations, has been constantly criticised.

Practically all the capital asked was subscribed; but at the end of the first year the investors looked in vain for the promised £100,000 profit.

The first accounts, which were recently issued, disclose instead a loss of £36,000, with additional liabilities of £25,750.

There is also a bank overdraft of £21,300, while the cash in hand at the time the accounts were issued was £3 12s. 2d.

It is not surprising that, at a recent meeting of disappointed shareholders, the directors were called upon to explain their promises of wealth.

Things became very lively. The shareholders told the directors to retire, after an accountant had alleged mismanagement in almost every branch of the company's business.

We urge these shareholders, who very properly refused to accept the accounts, to insist upon the most searching investigation.

We can reveal new facts.

Most of the contracts in the prospectus were entered into with a company called the Sanctuary Trust, Ltd., whose headquarters are at the same address as W. Ladenburg and Company, in St. Helen's Place, London.

They wither

Now, both the Sanctuary Trust and the Ladenburg Company have been closely connected throughout their joint careers with a certain Maurice Bloom, a Russian, who has been denounced in this and other journals time after time over dubious companies.

Wherever Mr. Bloom moves shareholders seem to wither. Victims of one of the most impertinent oil-share ramps ever foisted upon the public are still withering.

Another automatic-machine [illegible]

TWO MORE Absconding Directors

"We publish an exclusive portrait of this dangerous rogue"

WHAT has become of William Pope-Chitty and Field Mitchell? Until recently they were busily inducing people to invest sums ranging from £300 to £500 in an enterprise known as the Bahia State and Produce (Parent) Company, Ltd., of Cannon Street, London. Now they cannot be found.

Their disappearance affords yet another glaring example of the ease with which unscrupulous people can dupe the public with a bogus business proposition and vanish as soon as they have obtained the money.

In this particular instance, the dupes were first drawn into a carefully cast net through the medium of tempting advertisements which the company contrived to insert in daily papers of the highest standing.

According to these announcements the venture offered an excellent opportunity for a man to take an "active progressive and permanent" partnership with a sound and established estates-development syndicate.

To all outward appearances the proposition seemed to be quite genuine, for the strictest investigation was invited and the company undertook to "give every assistance to the right man."

Those who applied for the post were interviewed by either Mr. W. Pope-Chitty or Mr. Field Mitchell, both being directors of the company.

The story which these two unfolded was a most encouraging one, for they declared that arrangements had been completed for certain valuable lands in Brazil to be taken over.

Secret process

As a former British Consul in Bahia, Mr. Pope-Chitty claimed an extensive knowledge of the district, and declared that the chief object of the company would be to exploit a Brazilian plant which could be used under a secret process for the manufacture of artificial silk, wood-pulp and paper.

Within a few years, the directors contended, untold profits would be forthcoming, and men of the pioneer type were now needed to develop the business on the spot.

Good salaries were promised, but it was deemed essential that applicants selected should invest some capital in the undertaking.

On the other hand, the company promised a share of the profits proportionate to any investment put up, and also undertook to provide excellent living quarters for those who were sent out to Bahia.

Although each applicant was at first led to believe that he was one of a chosen few, it gradually became apparent that Messrs. Pope-Chitty and Field Mitchell were engaging more and more men, all of whom were investing sums ranging from £300 to £500.

Having been given to understand that the enterprise was of a colossal nature, this fact did not occasion very much uneasiness, nor were any doubts raised until various delays had arisen and different dates for their departure had been "fixed," only to be cancelled.

Then it became noticeable that the London office of the company, which was in Cannon Street, did not present the scene of bustle and animation one might expect to be associated with the launching of such a big venture.

Left waiting

One or two of the waiting investors became aware that the directors were often at pains to keep them from meeting each other or discussing the project among themselves.

Finally, after weeks had drifted past without anything definite being done, the anxious "pioneers" began to press their "employers" for some more satisfactory instructions as to when things would really begin to move.

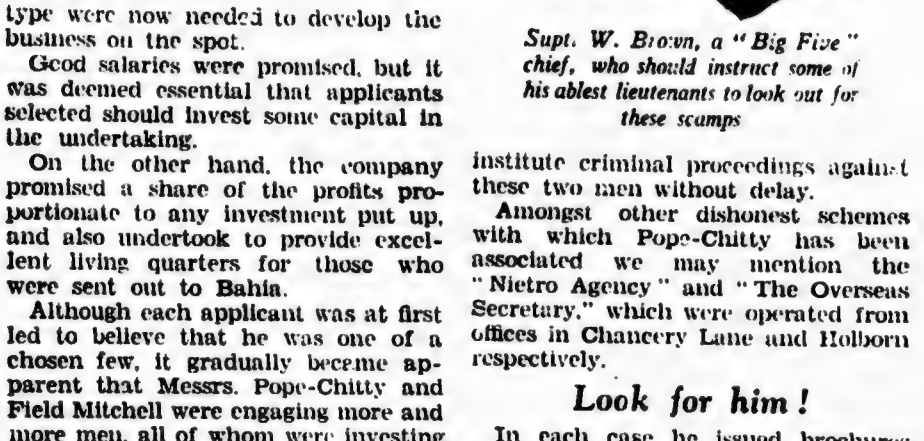
Their appeal for action was answered in a drastic manner. Mr. William Pope-Chitty and Mr. Field Mitchell suddenly disappeared with all the thousands of pounds they had plundered.

Since then neither director has been seen at the Cannon Street office, and it is known that Mr. Pope-Chitty abandoned his flat in Albany Street, Regent's Park, London, at about the same time.

There is not the slightest doubt but that the Bahia State Land and Produce (Parent) Company, Ltd., was an entirely fraudulent concern, and both Pope-Chitty and Field Mitchell have been guilty of most dastardly conduct in inducing people to surrender their savings.

The Brazilian authorities know nothing whatever of the Bahia venture, and the Public Prosecutor should institute criminal proceedings against these two men without delay.

Amongst other dishonest schemes with which Pope-Chitty has been associated we may mention the "Nietro Agency" and "The Overseas Secretary," which were operated from offices in Chancery Lane and Holborn respectively.



Supt. W. Brown, a "Big Five" chief, who should instruct some of his ablest lieutenants to look out for these scamps

Look for him!

In each case he issued brochures claiming to be able to find good billets abroad.

Both ventures were also entirely fraudulent, and numerous complaints were lodged with the police.

In one case Pope-Chitty disappeared after the landlord had distrained upon his possessions for overdue rent, and in the other he was ejected for similar lapses.

We are able to publish an exclusive portrait of this dangerous rogue, and if any of our readers recognise him and are able to supply information regarding his present whereabouts they will be doing a public service by communicating with us at once.

Dropped in an Automatic SLOT

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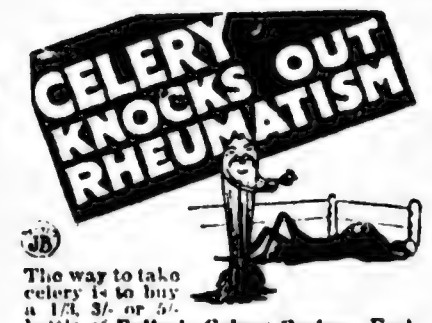

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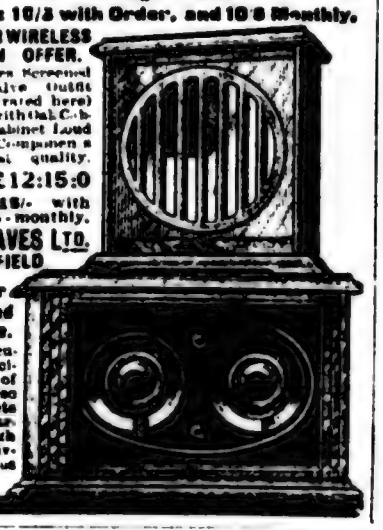

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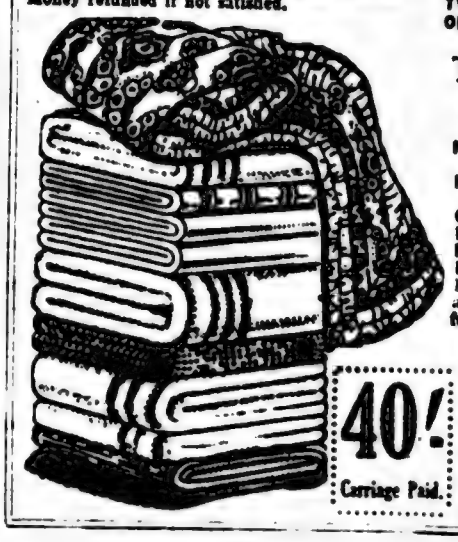

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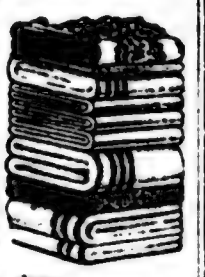

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The Ramsay-Ll. G. VENDETTA

by A. G. GARDINER

". . . damns Mr. MacDonald . . ."

PARLIAMENT has reassembled under ominous skies, and already the quidnuncs are predicting an early General Election. Some forecast it for May, many for the late summer, few think the present Government will survive the year.

What is the explanation of this change of tone from a couple of months ago?

It is to be found in the relations between Labour and the Liberals, and especially the relations of Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George.

These relations have suddenly taken a turn for the worse, and the situation that ended the MacDonald Ministry in 1924 is rapidly reviving.

This is partly due to the clash of party interests, but still more to the clash of two masterful personalities.

There was a time when Mr. George and Mr. MacDonald were suspected of being much more hail-fellow-well-met than they would have admitted their respective platforms; but that time was long ago.

It ended with the war, and since then the estrangement has hardened into an arctic separation.

This is particularly the case in regard to Mr. MacDonald. He is much more plastic than Mr. Lloyd George, who can mould himself to any companionship on any occasion that serves, whatever policy he may have in mind.

The Prime Minister knows that he is no match for the Liberal leader in the arts and crafts of political manœuvring, and he takes refuge in a stiff aloofness and a vigilant suspicion.

And out of this personal antagonism the threatened storm arises.

For though the Liberal Party is the smallest of the three, it holds the key to the situation. It carries the life of the Government in its hand.

How demonstrably this is the case is shown by the incident that has embittered the relations of Labour and the Liberals.

Everyone is agreed that the Coal Bill in its original form was a deplorable mistake—little better than an understanding between Capital and Labour to exploit the consumer.

It nearly brought the Government down, and on its merits it deserved to bring the Government down.

Malignity—odium

But for eight Liberals who broke away from Mr. Lloyd George it would have brought the Government down and plunged the country in a crisis that would have obliterated the Christmas festivities.

Who was to blame for this narrow escape?

Mr. MacDonald attributes it all to the malignity of Mr. Lloyd George, and Mr. George puts all the odium on Mr. MacDonald.

In the eyes of the Prime Minister the Liberal leader is simply lying in wait to destroy him, and in the eyes of Mr. George the Prime Minister is a stiff-necked fellow, who would rather pass a bad Bill and run the risk of defeat than take a good Bill from the Liberals and carry it to victory.

Mr. MacDonald damns Mr. George in *Forward* and Mr. George damns Mr. MacDonald at the National Liberal Club, and it would baffle a Philadelphian lawyer to say which has the better case.

Headstrong rivals

The complaint of Mr. George is that Mr. MacDonald flouted Liberal opinion, and the complaint of Mr. MacDonald is that Mr. George set up as a dictator to the Labour Government.

My personal opinion is that there is little to choose between these rather headstrong and ambitious rivals.

They are temperamentally incompatible, and if the life of the present Parliament depends upon an accommodation between them, that life is doomed to be a short one.

Neither, I think, would hesitate to risk an election if the opportunity occurred, and the main security of the Government at present rests in the indisposition of the Conservatives to try conclusions again until they are in a stronger position.

What Mr. Lloyd George hopes from a General Election I do not know, and I doubt whether any of his followers know, for he keeps his strategy to himself, and a Party to him is only a counter in the game.

Mr. MacDonald's calculations are much more obvious. He believes that his Party is still on the flowing tide, and that another election could not weaken him, would probably strengthen him, and would possibly give him an absolute majority and free him from dependence on the Liberal vote.

And so Parliament resumes with the omens pointing to a clash and a crash, and another utterly gratuitous disturbance of the national life at a time when the country needs not elections, but a little honest and disinterested effort on the part of all Parties to steer it into clearer waters.

Not Mr. Baldwin

If that disaster is to be avoided, both Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George must cultivate a little more mutual good feeling, stop snarling, and agree to give as well as take.

So far as the Liberals generally are concerned, I am certain they do not want the fall of the Government now.

Why should they? They have no desire to dethrone Mr. MacDonald in order, at the best, to make Mr. Baldwin king.

They are in entire sympathy with what the Government has done in foreign affairs, and broadly in agreement with its policy in home affairs.

If they opposed it on the Coal Bill, it cannot be reasonably suggested that they did not do so on abundant public grounds.

If, as they say, Mr. Lloyd George tried to use that occasion to upset the Government's apple-cart, it is at least as true to say that it asked for the apple-cart to be upset by refusing to adopt the Liberal amendments.

I think it is fair to Mr. MacDonald to say that on more than one subject, notably India, Mr. Lloyd George's action has been none too friendly and helpful: but whatever strategy Mr. Lloyd George has in view, the Premier can rely on the good faith and support of the Liberal Party.

". . . stiff aloofness . . . vigilant suspicion"

And this, if for no other reason, because it most certainly does not want an election now—or, indeed, until the promised electoral reform gives them the prospect of securing a membership more nearly approximating to its voting strength in the country.

If Mr. Lloyd George will play with a straight bat and Mr. MacDonald will frankly consult with the Party willing to keep him in power, the shadow of another election should be dispersed until the country is ripe for it.

At present the country has other tasks on hand, and it would be monstrous if it had another electoral upheaval thrust upon it simply because Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George cannot be civil to each other.

Homely Wisdom—by CANON R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

They that Mourn

THE panic in a Paisley kinema, which resulted in the deaths of over sixty children, sent a wave of horror through the land. The thought of the grief-stricken mothers and fathers who besieged the scene of the disaster to recover the bodies of their little ones wrung all hearts.

Bishop Gore

The tragic contrast between the brightness of the entertainment and the screaming terror in which it ended shocks the imagination.

More than once I have been asked point-blank to say how it is possible to believe in a God Who could allow such an appalling thing to happen.

I humbly acknowledge that I know of no complete answer to it; if I did, I should know the answer to every question that could be asked of life.

For in asking this question, we are really asking why pain and death are permitted at all; and I believe that we have not been left entirely without light on the perplexing subject.

The answer of Christian faith is that God does not directly send calamitous things upon us, but that He does make use of calamitous things sometimes to detach us from satisfactions that are only of this present life.

Our world is subject to the operation of immutable laws. Were it not so it would become chaos. If we ignorantly or wilfully transgress any of these laws we must suffer the consequences.

Also, we are meant to learn by what we suffer as well as by what we enjoy.

But suffering has not the last word; it is only a means to an end, and that end is the ultimate attainment of a life of unshadowed good.

We know this because One came from a higher world to tell us so, and to show us by His own example that nothing can be destroyed that is worthy to live and that no evil can harm our heart's best treasure.

Those little Paisley victims are not dead, not one of them; they are where He is; and those who mourn them now will clasp them again in a world that evil cannot enter.

As Bishop Gore rightly says, if Jesus Christ had never lived, the mystery would be far darker than it is. He is our proof that God is love.

And it is through Him that the comforting promise has been given to us: "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

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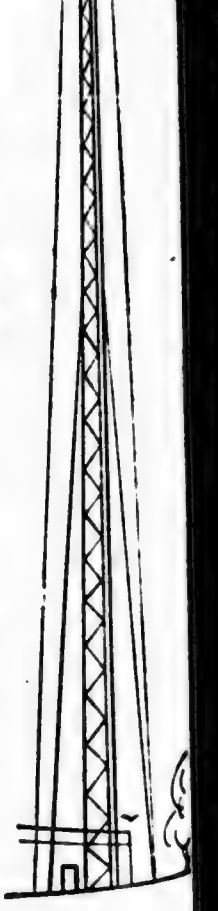

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by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

ALL over the kingdom police forces are gravely understaffed and their duties as nursemaids and shop-narks are on the increase.

A good deal of glare has been thrown on the police during the last twelve months.

The name of the Savidge case and the even more serious implications of the Goddard disclosures resulted in an orgy of criticism which failed, rather surprisingly, to unearth the one point at which the administration of the Metropolitan Police could be attacked with some justice.

The actual strength of the Metropolitan Police Force is 19,781—actually 900 less than it was before the war.

I do not suppose that in the whole history of municipal growth there has been anything to compare with the rate at which London has spread—and is still spreading—into the country.

It has marched at an incredible rate into Middlesex, Kent, Essex and Hertfordshire, and in three years more than 300,000 people have been added to the population of outer London.

Between 1926 and 1929 no fewer than 382,792 new houses were built in the area of the Metropolitan Police.

Since 1920 the number of houses built in the Metropolitan area is 700,000—actually more than one-sixth of all the houses built in the whole of England and Wales during the same period: and these houses represent a population of nearly a million.

Population by the hundred thousand, new streets by the hundred, and crime by the ton! Is it any wonder that the police are harassed and almost helpless?

It is highly significant that the greatest increase in crime is in the number of cases of housebreaking.

All over London, particularly outer London, there are miles and miles of new streets which must represent a burglar's paradise to the nimble-fingered brotherhood.

Every house is like every other. A burglar has only to find his way through one and the lot are at his mercy.

More serious crime

Even the Royal Commission on Police Powers and Procedure was struck by the facts, though it failed to draw the correct inference.

"Figures have been submitted to us," it said, "which show that whereas the number of indictable offences per 10,000 of the population fell from 112 in 1908 to 105 in 1913, the corresponding figure for post-war years has risen from 102 in 1919 to 137 in 1927.

"The figures of serious offences against property also show a steady rise from 39 to 50 per 10,000 of the population over the period 1919 to 1927.

"We find these figures," it adds naively, "somewhat disquieting."

And even the percentage of detection of these offences has fallen as the offences themselves have risen: for while 44 per cent. were detected in 1913, only 40 per cent. were detected in 1926.

The truth seems fairly obvious—that the police are overworked and understaffed; and it may be taken as certain that what is going on in London is going on all over the country.

Recently, in a London suburb, the same shop was burgled and cleaned out three times in as many weeks. The constable on that particular beat was helpless.

Not only had his patrol area been widened, but once every hour at a stated time he had to meet his sergeant and report.

The burglars knew this; they knew the exact time and place of the meeting, and the rest was mere child's play.

There is surely no need to add stupid red-tape to overwork.

Another point: year by year new legislation is enacted and new penal clauses come into being. Every year, almost every month, new duties are put on to the police.

Is there any real reason why new penal legislation and new building mileage should not carry with it an automatic percentage increase in the police force?

Every new house built and inhabited is promptly subjected to a police rate. Does the occupier get value for money? In hundreds of thousands of cases—no.

Take, just as one instance, the innumerable idiotic "offences" that D.O.R.A. left us in her will.

Kipper patrol

How can the policeman be expected to check the enterprising burglar if he must spend half his time detecting the illegal sale of kippers or the felonious dispensing of a drink?

Even Lord Byng has something to say on this matter of extra and increasing duties. "Great difficulty," he remarks, "has been experienced in maintaining beats at their full strength.

"One of the reasons for this is that to assist children entering and leaving schools nearly a thousand policemen in London alone have, four times a day, to discontinue their ordinary beat duties in order to be at the street-crossings near the schools."

And to this supervision of schoolchildren you can add the thousand-and-one duties which the tremendous volume of modern traffic has thrown on to the police.

The time has surely come when the Home Office should seriously consider the formation of a special traffic corps quite apart from the ordinary police. The need is as urgent as the desirability is obvious.

The function of the policeman is to maintain law and order and to detect and bring to justice the law-breaker.

He cannot be expected to do this efficiently if most of his time is spent in playing nursemaid to healthy citizens who would get on much better without his help.

Street-betting

A good deal could also be done if some of our idiotic legislation had a little common-sense injected into it, and if still more that is archaic and nonsensical were swept away.

The thorny subject of street-betting is a case in point.

Not only is the law inconsistent with either the moral or logical aspect of the betting question, but it simply throws the police into violent conflict with the great mass of public opinion, and does nothing to promote the good will on which the success of the police force rests.

The police must keep an eye on local taxation and on Road Fund licences; they must watch the Shop Hours Acts, the diseases of animals, aliens, servants' registries, dog licences and wireless licences; they must supervise food and drugs, enforce distress-warrants for non-payment of rates, inspect boarding-house registers, and make all sorts of enquiries for all sorts of Government departments.

I have been making enquiries, and I am told that the Home Office is "carefully watching" the situation.

I suggest that it might, for a start, bring the strength of the Metropolitan Police up to establishment.

It might even, without hurting anyone except the criminal, bring the strength up to pre-war.

What common-sense demands is that it should increase the strength by at least two thousand men, and take away from the police of the country generally a lot of extraneous duties in order to leave them free for their real job.

The Human Machine

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SOME people say that "Thoughts are things." They even go so far as to assert that every thought has its own shape and form. And they end up by declaring that thought is definitely creative and that if anything is thought of sufficiently strongly it will eventually come into being.

Without going as far as that, there is no doubt whatever that thought—particularly directed thought—is one of the most powerful weapons in the world.

It can do anything. It can create good and give life to evil. It can cause misery or it can cause happiness. It can make the world beautiful or it can reduce it to chaos.

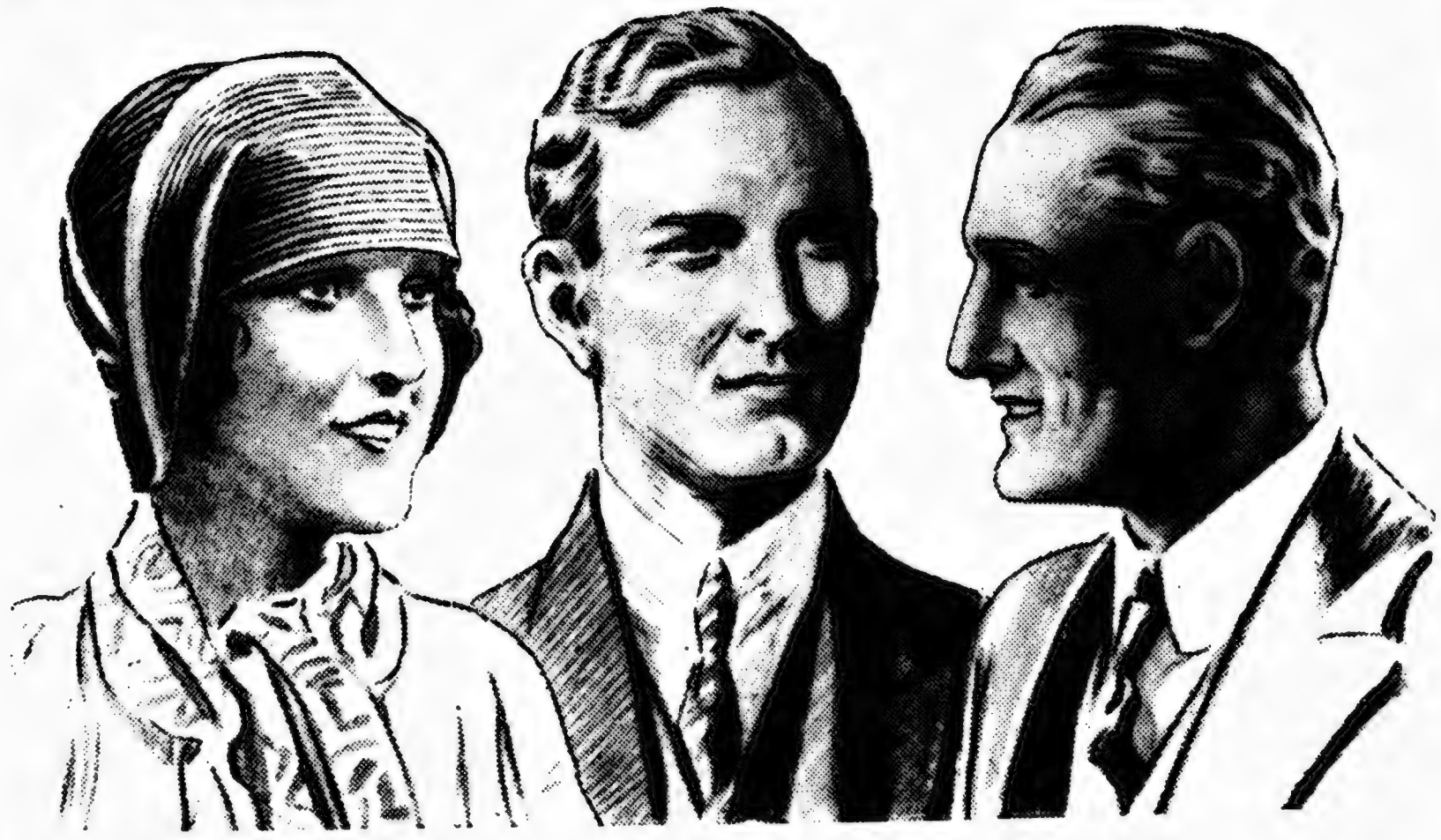
It caused the war; it created the League of Nations; it brought into being the Naval Disarmament Conference now sitting in London.

Somebody had to think of all these things before they could be brought into reality.

Why should we leave it to the few, the very few, to be creative? The peace of the world is as much our concern as President Hoover's or Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's—but how many of us persistently and deliberately tried to think it into existence like they did?

For that is the real secret of all creative thought—to try and think something good into existence; and there is not one of us who does not possess the power to do it in some measure, great or small.

If in a single day we have managed to think a speck of happiness into existence we have performed again the miracle of creation.



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THE OLD LADY Shows her Ankle

GEOGRAPHICALLY the Bank of England is somewhat remote from the majority of the population. In imagination it is even further away. To the masses it is a kind of show-place, in the same category as the Monument and the Chamber of Horrors.

Actually, in terms of bread-and-butter, it is so near to us that there is no corner in our material existence where we may escape its influence. The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street is omnipresent, a perpetual guest in every household.

The Bank of England controls currency and dominates credit. Whether your pound note can buy twenty-shillings' worth of groceries or something less is a matter in which it has an intimate concern.

The price at which your employer can obtain loans of money to embark on developments which keep the looms busy and the furnaces stoked is decided by those shy and mysterious gentlemen, the governors of the Bank, at their secret weekly conclave.

Recent announcements concerning the policy of the Bank, therefore, are of vital interest to all of us, and we will do well to give them our closest attention.

First came news from Mr. J. H. Thomas that help might be expected from "The City" by the nation's industries, which would have a powerful effect on employment. By "The City," of course, is meant the Bank of England plus the Big Five banking institutions.

Later, it was intimated that the Bank had decided to advance half a million pounds towards the financing of a big hire-purchase scheme. Care has been taken in several quarters to explain that this arrangement was made before Mr. Thomas' public statement.

THIS has arisen from strong underground opposition to the change of heart, of which the hire-purchase arrangement is the first tangible evidence. Those who hope to defeat the move have, naturally, wished to treat the half-million deal as an isolated transaction.

For our part, we welcome this step by the Bank of England wholeheartedly. It is evidence of a flexibility of policy of which we had not thought that institution capable.

It would seem to show that when a home industry is starving for want of liberal credit, and workpeople are unemployed or on short time in consequence, it may at least hope for aid from a quarter which has hitherto been frigid and unsympathetic.

Whether the terms to be imposed by "The City" on industrial borrowers will be generous enough we do not yet know, and we are not too optimistic. But meanwhile we congratulate Mr. Montagu Norman, whom we have so often criticised, for demonstrating that the Old Lady's knee-joints are not so rheumaticky after all.

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Is our Race Dying?

OUR birth-rate is now the lowest of any in the world! Think of that! You can measure nations, to a great extent, by their vitality, and ours is the lowest.

Of course, we don't accept that verdict. We know that often birth is artificially prevented. But what is voluntary at first becomes inevitable.

Whose fault is it? Well, the causes are, to some extent, low wages, and, to a greater extent, cramped housing. Yet, since it is the middle class mainly that practises birth-prevention, we may say that there is much shirking of responsibility.

The people on the "dole" have large families. The more comfortable classes have not.

And, if some men choose a baby-car instead of a baby, yet the women are in the main the shirkers. Many of them are pin-money matrons, who go out to work for luxuries rather than be wives and mothers in the home.

Certainly, it seems mad to desire more citizens when we cannot feed those we have. But the shirking of responsibilities will not solve the unemployment question. Constructive statesmanship must do that.

And meanwhile our middle-class and upper working-class women must ask themselves whether they, with their empty cradles, are being true to their sex and their race.

A Licking—and Home

IF we combed the reformatories we should find hundreds of boys and girls who ought never to have been sent there.

Many have been taken from their homes for offences which would at one time have been visited with a sound switching.

Teachers are prosecuted for using the cane, and when the small devil which is in most healthy youngsters sets out on the rampage, foolish parents stand by helplessly and wring their hands.

That spice of devil is most frequently allied with a loving and faithful disposition, and when the devil is exorcised or works out by a natural process, the lad or lass surprises the gloomy prophets by turning up trumps.

The instance of the boy Thomas Russell, who escaped from a police-sergeant in a train and was killed is altogether in this strain.

The warden of the reformatory, a clergyman, said without doubt Russell was killed trying to return to his parents, for whom he had "an indescribable love, an extraordinary capacity for affection which they shared."

"His death makes me wonder," said the warden, "whether, in finding out how much wrong there is in anyone, we do not omit to find out how much good there is in them that we cannot understand."

Exactly. Our reform methods are all upside down. The State tells us we mustn't buy chocolates after a certain hour.

We are arriving at a condition when the State will mother us in a frigid, angular schoolma'am kind of way, comb us and wash us and put us hygienically to bed in a draught.

But we shall never love the State as we do our mothers. Mother-love, the fondness for parents, home life are the very foundations of national life.

That way lies reform, not through the cold corridors of the reformatories.

HERE are some sound principles for the magistrates. They should say to the father, "Thrash the boy in the presence of one of my officers. If you don't, I will have it done."

If the mother pleads, it must be: "Very well; if you don't want me to order him a thrashing, he must go to the reformatory."

Finally, ask the boy if he will take a hiding or leave home. The vote in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred will be in favour of the licking—and home.

A FLYING SQUAD *for the* PROFITEER

Covent Garden is the world's greatest clearing-house for fruit and vegetables: The housewife cannot buy a cabbage there

Shopping with a thin purse is painful

IT is cheerful news that during the present session of Parliament a Consumers' Council is to be set up, with powers to deal with profiteering.

Every citizen whose hands are not soiled by profiteering, that most gross form of common robbery, will wish the council God-speed and courage.

The poor, especially the parents of struggling families, will look to it for deliverance from the marauding birds of prey who pillage the granaries and storehouses of the nation.

Profiteers are the product of the growth of cities, whose enormous populations have become remote from the seas and fields where food is gathered.

Housewives can no longer meet the farmer or the fisherman face to face in bargaining, using their shrewd sense as foils to the producer's natural cupidity.

They are at the mercy of the jobber who neither sows nor reaps, but stands snug within the shelter of the law, trafficking at great profit in the spoils of other men's hard labour.

Black sheep

As merchants made cities, a city's laws are always slow to curb the activities of the merchant.

But the modern profiteers are no honest merchants, with a stern code of morality and a sense of justice.

They are black sheep among the flock, whose contagious colour may blacken the whole system of merchant commerce in the eyes of the people, unless honest merchants, shopkeepers and middlemen make common cause with the ordinary citizen in rooting out this common national danger.

It is no good appealing to the humanity of these robbers. They are indifferent to exposures in the Press or from the public platform, which have been going on for years, ever since that period during and after the war when rationing and the fixing of prices showed the unscrupulous the enormous extent of their power to rob the public.

When, in 1922, the abuses of profiteering became so great that the Government was forced to set up the Linlithgow Commission of Enquiry, and that commission issued a report showing the stupendous profits made by middlemen, what happened? Absolutely nothing.

The profiteers smiled and went on robbing, so successfully that Sir Charles Fielding estimated their profits on bread, meat and milk alone amounted to the colossal sum of £175,000,000 per annum.

A Food Council has been in existence for years, but its activities have been futile, as it has not even the power of enquiry.

The suffering public is tired of these pious and well-meaning councils and commissions. *The people want action.* Does not the condition of affairs warrant it?

Take meat, bread and milk, which are common necessities. The law has done something to improve the quality of milk, preventing that extortion by dilution and the sale of diseased brands, which poisoned our bodies together with filching from our pockets.

Last year the Food Council issued an impotent protest to the dealers when they decided to charge 7d. per quart, or winter price, for eight months of the year, charging the summer price of 6d. for only four months from April to August.

And why even 6d. a quart? The farmer makes a profit by delivering his milk to the London dealer at 1s. per gallon, or 3d. per quart, in summer, and 4d. per quart in winter, when the retail price is 7d.

Lord Beaverbrook claims that half the beef consumed in this country is imported mainly from the Argentine, where it is produced at the selling price of 27s. 6d. per live cwt., or a little less than 2d. per lb.

Granted the expense of transport, the wastage of offal and other expenses, its sale price over the counter should not show increases of anything from three to eight times the wholesale figure.

A report of the Food Council, a very inadequate one, as it covered merely a few instances, showed that the average profit of private butchers in 1926 and 1927 was 51 per cent. on capital.

But the butcher, usually a hard-working and honest man, is only the last link in the mysterious chain of jobbers who profit by meat, from the time it leaves the farmer until it reaches the consumer.

And every single link of that chain is a prosperous middleman, whose very existence in industry is unnecessary, and whose income is always large and often princely.

The Food Council makes a very definite accusation against the London Flour Millers' Association, which publishes an "official" price of flour.

Variations in that list cause the consumer to pay *one halfpenny more* for the 4 lb. loaf.

Even at the price of 37s. per 280 lb. an extremely wide gap remains between this mill price and the cost of production of wheat from certain foreign countries imported into Britain.

Bread alone—

Exported Argentine wheat, according to Lord Beaverbrook, is produced at 20s. a quarter; Germany exports wheat at 13s. 6d. a quarter, and French flour is exported at the rate of 20s. for a 280 lb. sack.

While the largest profits are made probably by the grain merchants and milling combines, even the bakers are not immune from the charge of profiteering.

When the 4 lb. loaf was 10½d. in Glasgow, a co-operative society was able to sell the same weight of bread at 9d., paying the same wages and incurring the same costs as the private traders.

But it is only when we examine the prices of vegetables, fish and fruit that the scandals of profiteering become most glaring.

Potatoes sold by the producer at 70s. a ton are retailed at £8 a ton, when bought by the hundredweight, and at much more when bought in smaller quantities.

Cases have been known where producers sold 40-lb. sacks of peas for 4d. each, and the retail price was 6d. to 3d. per lb.

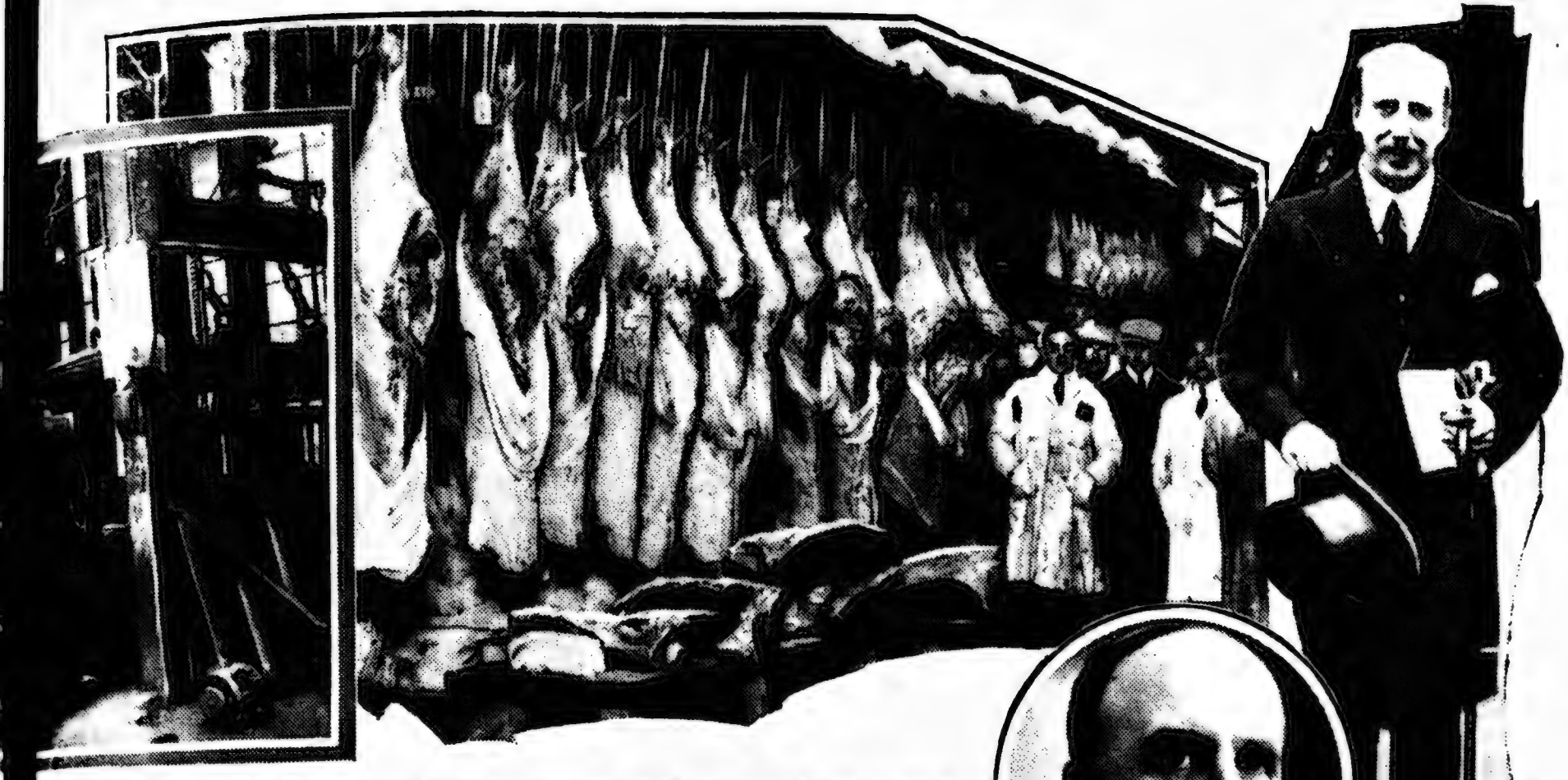
In one instance, a producer received 5s. for forty sacks of beans, each weighing 40 lb., after paying carriage to London, when the retail price was 2½d. per lb.

Whiting bought for 4d. each in the shops are sold on the pier by the fishermen at four a penny.

Mackerel were sold for 1s. 6d. a hundred when the lowest price in the shops was sixpence each.

Thousands of pounds' worth of fish, cabbages, lettuces and other foodstuffs are destroyed, buried, cast into the sea or given to pigs, owing to the cunning practices of dealers, who refuse to buy so that scarcity may keep up the price to the consumer, and also because they want to handle as little as possible at enormous profits.

Corners, rings and combines are formed to keep up prices, and if an



"So with coal: tackle it from pit-head to householder's cellar"

London's great meat market. Between Smithfield and the butcher's shop—"a mysterious chain of jobbers"

The Rt. Hon. W. Graham (full length); Sir Allan Powell, Chairman of the Food Council (centre), and Sir William Plender, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, should be the nucleus of the striking force

She dare not spill a drop: milk costs so much

honest dealer refuses to enter these associations and tries to sell his goods at what he considers a fair price, he is immediately put out of business by his unscrupulous brothers.

In this way, men of no ability, performing public services of no greater value than those of street scavengers, amass fortunes entirely out of proportion to their invested capital, to their labour and the value of their premises.

Now that there is an opportunity of getting the Government to deal with the scandal, Mr. Graham, President of the Board of Trade, would be well advised when he brings the Consumers' Council into being to take serious thought, lest he may adopt a rash scheme, which instead of rooting out the malady would cause a worse infection.

In our opinion, any system of fixing prices autocratically would merely result in the growth of a cumbersome and meddlesome bureaucracy, which would cause absolute chaos, as the enforcement of these prices would entail enormous expense and official interference with the free course of commerce.

Fix profits

While it seems impossible for the Government to fix prices, with any hope of successfully carrying out their enforcement, it seems quite feasible to fix a sliding-scale of fair profits, varying with the fluctuations of trade and with the differences of local conditions.

The traders must be allowed to fix their prices, and then let these prices be examined, to see whether the margin of profit is extortionate or just.

For this purpose a flying squad of expert chartered accountants should be at the disposal of the Consumers' Council, with powers to raid any business concern that comes under official suspicion, examine its accounts and render a detailed report to the authorities.

It is no use paltering with these people. The Government will have to fight enormously wealthy rings and a close corporation of middlemen, who will not hesitate to spend millions to outwit and circumvent any attempt to interfere with their business.

This Flying Squad which JOHN BULL suggests should be as great a terror to profiteers as is the Flying Squad of Scotland Yard to the crooks of the underworld.

The constitution of this body of accountants is a matter for expert advice, but it need not imply an addition to bureaucracy. Already banks and big firms have their flying squads.

The work could be given out on contract to competing firms of accountants.

That the saving to the public would be enormous is obvious, while as a weapon in the hands of the Consumers' Council it would strike terror into the evildoers.

Now, as to the punishment.

Let the Consumers' Council clearly bear in mind that no system of petty fines will remedy the situation, or act as a deterrent on the convicted profiteers.

A conviction must be followed by both fine and imprisonment.

A fine alone, no matter how heavy, would not suffice, because it is certain that the dishonest business man's associates would come to his assistance.

But when a man is hurt both in his pocket and in his bodily comfort, locked up, treated with contumely, and then sent back into the world branded as a jailbird, he will find it pretty difficult again to carry on his pernicious traffic.

The first and biggest job will be to tackle one or other of the wholesale food rings, even if it be necessary to go right back to the producers in Argentina or Canada to get the facts.

Let the product be traced through every hand to the consumer.

It will be found, probably, that the big importer is not so much the villain of the piece as those middlemen in between him and the shops who bite out huge chunks of profit as the absurdly high reward of a telephone message or a hundred-word letter.

Make them tremble

So with coal. Tackle the output of a big pit from the shaft-head to the householder's cellar.

Not only will such action put fear into the hearts of all the looters, but it will provide the Government with data of immense economic value.

Anything short of this or similar strong action will fail, and we shall merely have a repetition of that fiasco in economics the Food Council and the so-called cost-of-living returns.

And such reform goes deeper than all that.

Grateful nation

The most important result of strong Government action to check profiteering would be the moral effect on the nation as a whole.

It would again restore to the moral consciousness of the people the conviction that robbery does not pay, and that prosperity can only be achieved by means of hard work, sterling ability, and that business integrity which made us honoured among the peoples of the world.

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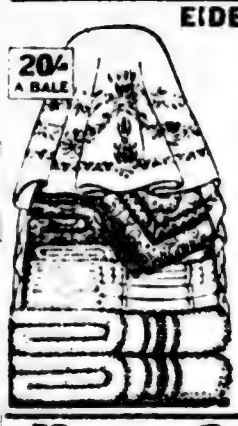

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JANE DOE,

the popular Authoress,

tells of a mystery correspondent with a magic pen and asks

"Like lightning he dropped his educated voice and lapsed into the awful, cringing whine . . ."

From a drawing by George Woods

IF ever I grow to be famous and have reporters always camping on my doorstep begging for tit-bits from the little drama of my life—just as they do, in fact, to George Bernard Shaw—I shall tell the first one this curious episode.

There's no tropic *mise en scène*, with mosquito-nets, hibiscus flowers, jingling golden bracelets and the picturesque rest.

Indeed, the locale can best be described as part Shoe Lane, E.C.4, and the rest sheer misery *en scène*. Or, if you want plain English, a particularly unsavoury address off the Blackfriars Road.

I began my career—a newspaper journalist—as an outside contributor to a well-known Sunday journal. Indeed, it used to be known as the North Countryman's Bible.

I only mention the journal just to emphasise that while it was considered to have unique literary attractions, it had also some unique readers.

A lot of them used to write in to me, and some days when I turned up at the office I would come all over queer at the sight of the formidable pile of correspondence on my desk.

The "Jane Doe letters" was one of the jokes of the firm.

Of course, I soon learnt that some wisdom is needed when you have a correspondence of this bulk.

Apart from the fact that all my monthly pay-envelopes would go in return postage and the cost of the photographs most of them desired—gratis, if I answered them all, and I wanted to!—I discovered that the charming letter which so warmed my heart as I toyed with my breakfast kipper was apt, when I wrote back in gratitude, to result in what the advertisers know as "follow-up" letters.

The correspondent desires to borrow your money or acquire your old clothes and those of your daughter.

He desires that you cast your expert and critical eye over a 100,000-word manuscript, written on both sides of the paper in the vilest handwriting, of a novel which he, she or it (it is sometimes a mere child) has just "dashed off in a hurry without putting any really good work into it," with no stamps or wrapping enclosed for its return.

He desires that you get him a lucrative job right away. He desires that you "use your influence" to find his lost dog or lost wife.

AND then—happy fate!—there is the perfect letter—the letter you treasure as something infinitely precious and stimulating, and as something you intend keeping until you are very old and perhaps losing a little of your faith in a beautiful world.

Such a letter came to me, with unfailing regularly twice a week, soon after my first year on the paper.

It was from a man. I will call him George White. The name he signed his letters was something equally undistinguished, and I daresay even that wasn't his own.

If the contents were a joy, the look of the letters was equally so. He wrote on lined, foolscap paper, the kind that costs a penny for three or four sheets. But the handwriting—well, that was something to marvel at.

It was delicate, it was scholarly, it was unique. Once you had seen writing like it you'd never forget it.

The contents? Ah! They were also something to marvel at.

There were times when George White wrote like a young man full of vigour and the joy of life. Sometimes he wrote like a very old one, sour with the bitter chagrin of one who has made a not too savoury hash of his chances.

SOMETIMES he wrote like a father to a daughter; at least, the sort of letters one would imagine an affectionate, scholarly man writing to his child; though, in fact, I suppose such letters are rarely written nowadays.

And sometimes he wrote like a lover—chivalrous, romantic, and exquisitely tender. I used to read those with a beating heart.

But everything he had to say was enthralling to me, whatever his mood the day he sat down to give me pleasure.

He could put in a neat phrase the enchanting, mother-of-pearl bloom of Sicilian almond-blossom when you stand and look up at the sun from under the trees.

He had a laugh, a trifle coarse now perhaps, for the days when he dug his frozen gold in Alaska.

All the men in the camp, complete with roaring brass band, would go down to the nearest port to welcome the next boat in. *There might be women on that boat.*

He knew Cape Horn from the decks of a windjammer. He could have told Margaret Mayo more than she will ever learn about Mother India. He knew a

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...n I shall never have the time to ...e much as I would have the ...

...Who George White was, where he ...e from, and what he did, he never ...e me the slightest inkling. I never ...d, of course.

...That he was a remarkably well-...cated—nay, remarkably cultured—...as revealed in every line of his ...ters.

...He put me on to the Odes of Horace ...race will surely turn in his ancient ...ve at this way of putting it); he ...e me flying to read the Koran (2s., ...yman's Library); it was through ...m I learned to love above all other ...e that of Elizabeth's reign and of ...ll.

...And he had the unmistakable deli-...y and sensibility of the man who ...s years, perhaps centuries, of gentle ...ture behind him.

OF course being only human, I answered every one of his letters. In fact, I poured out my current heart to him and ...him of my joys, my hopes and my ...otions as I have never done to any-...else to such an extent.

...But then, no one I have met, before ...since has ever shown one-tenth of ...a stranger's gentle responsiveness, ...pathy and understanding.

...Occasionally, of course, I had my ...ubts.

...It seemed to me that there would ...e a time when I would regret my ...ndition in so writing to a man I ...ver likely to see, and who, for ...I knew, might be the greatest ...ssible humbug.

...But time came as it was bound to ...

...And I will say this for the stranger ...respondent with the magic pen and ...equally magic nib: *He never pre-...*

...Once in the early stages, he did beg ...a signed photograph, which I gladly ...him. He said he kept it in front ...him whenever he wrote to me.

...Suggestion was ever made that ...should meet, though I now confess ...think of making one myself.

...Those letters from George White ...weekly bouquets in all senses ...heard that I welcomed eagerly.

...If a newspaper writer gets queer ...cidents, he or she often gets ...queer callers.

...Sadly, the well trained commis-...re in the entrance-lobby of a ...ger office sees that the queer ...ller pays his call on him.

...I had my share of these queer ...s, too.

...One Saturday afternoon, I was ...ng up Shoe Lane in order to ...up some account in time for the ...ditions of the next day's paper. ...A few doors away from the office a ...man in the street was setting up a ...most awful rendering of "Ora Pro ...Nobis," never a cheery ditty at the ...best times. He was not improving ...

...As the usual beggar—squat, ugly ...bundle—crouched the usual hopeful ...at those windows where office-...boys most ...rious things in the ...world but ...with the afternoon ...

...There a ...riend ran into me, ...whom I badly wanted to meet. ...In spite of the fact that duty and ...first editions called me, I stood ...for several minutes.

...During those minutes the beggar in ...front suddenly ceased his appal-...ling whinings and made quickly ...for a newspaper building.

...At that action gave me a ...thing I said to myself, "I bet he ...is to see Jane Doe." Why I ...don't know.

It must have been instinct. *He did!* When I reached the lobby there was a harassed commissionaire, vainly trying to stall off this singularly unprepossessing caller.

There was no dodging him. He saw and recognised me. Speaking in astonishingly agreeable tones, he asked if he had the pleasure, etc.

I cut him short. Friends as time-wasters were one thing, but beggars were another.

"If that was you I heard murdering one of my favourite songs, 'Ora Pro Nobis,'" I chided laughingly, "you ought to be severely prosecuted."

Like lightning he dropped his educated voice and lapsed into the awful, cringing whine of the professional mendicant. The change properly staggered me.

"Yes, miss, but look what it brings me in!" and he held out his two coat-pockets for me to handle.

They were loaded with money. There must have been pounds worth of coins.

"I shall remember this when journalism fails!" I told him, as I prepared to hop into the lift.

But before he hurried out of the building, like some horrible old carrion-crow, still in his beggar speech he said, "I just want to tell you your articles mean a lot to me."

I hope now I smiled on him. I'm sure I did. Vanity and love of praise are my two besetting sins.

Some three hours afterwards I came down again, work finished, feeling full of beans about it, too. I don't know of anything else that induces in me this really glorious feeling.

"That was some bloke you switched on me," I complained amiably to the commissionaire. "Why, he was singing in the street when I came in."

Sergeant-Major Bulstrode had no superstitions, and very little conscience

Read Next Week's True Story—

"Three for Luck,"

by

R. H. MOTTRAM

The man handed me a form which all visitors who wish to see members of the staff have to fill in.

I looked curiously at the slip.

Name—Mr. George White.
To see—Miss Jane Doe.
Business—Personal matter.

The handwriting was identical with that of my remarkable correspondent of the same name.

To say I went home that night in a perfect stew is putting it mildly.

There was no question of blackmail or anything sordid like that; but I knew I had said things which it would have been hateful to have got into the wrong hands.

The next morning was Sunday. I walked across Clapham Common to open my heart to a friend who was a journalist with a good deal of experience of the underworld as well as the underdog—not quite the same thing.

HE looked at the letters of George White, and the first thing he said was: "Good Lord! *What an address.* It's one of the most stinking of the men's lodging-houses. What on earth possessed you to answer him in the first place?"

I explained that I thought the address scarcely a "good" one, but then you never could tell.

The writer might have been a doctor with an East End practice. He might have been a Civil Servant, a large property-owner. Addresses meant nothing.

My friend was not so certain about it. That same evening he made it his business to call on Mr. George White at his unsavoury address, intending to have a few tactful words with him.

He was too late. The lodging-house keeper said George White had died in his bed the previous night, *Saturday night.*

On Monday morning I was at the office soon after the arrival of the first post. Instinct made me turn up that early. Why, I can't say.

There was a registered packet for me. It weighed over a couple of pounds.

That packet contained all my letters—without exception—to Mr. George White.

And that packet was registered within two hours of my meeting him on the Saturday night!

"Natural causes" was the coroner's verdict.

And my Clapham Common friend, hoping to laugh me out of a bad scare, said the sight of my real face had undoubtedly given George White no further desire to go on living.

But did I kill George White? And why?

WAS it my hasty but quite amiable dismissal of him in that lobby? Was he upset because I found out he was a singing mendicant? But if that were so, why did he call on me looking like one?

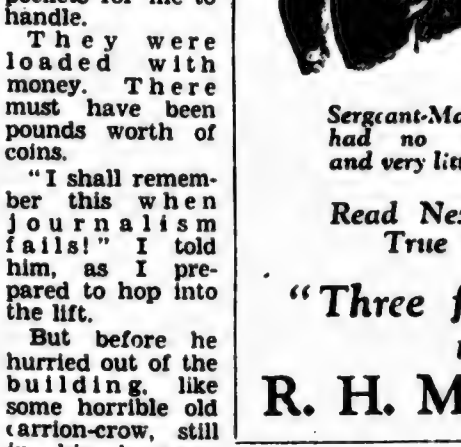
Did I disillusion him? Did he wish to disillusion *me?*

Well, I shall never know. Most likely, of course, his death was just an extraordinary coincidence.

That Monday night I burned all his letters to me and all my letters to him.

And as I watched them going up in smoke, I remember saying this:

"Well, George White, singing mendicant or whatever you were, *you were also a gentleman!*"



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MARCH 17

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The Prince *in the* PURPLE PATCHES

by HALKON NIGHTINGALE,

Ex-Trooper, South African Horse, war correspondent and hunter

THE Prince of Wales is spending the first few days of his Africa holiday at the Cape with the Earl of Athlone, his relative and Governor-General of South Africa. Then he may go by steamer up the east coast to Dar-es-Salaam, Tanga or Kilindini, and thence by train to resume the big-game hunt from which he was recalled to his father's sick bedside.

From either port he can enter upon the scene of his desire, the greatest, least-trodden of the playgrounds of the big game, the limitless, flat Masai steppe in the conquered territory of Tanganyika.

Or if he hunts on the Kenya Colony side of the border at Tsavo, he will still be in the land of manly adventure.

It will be the late summer—if such can be where no winter is—when the greens are tinting to yellows in the lower brush and at the grass roots.

His bogey-wheeled cars will run smoothly through the park-like spaces between the mushroom-shaped thorn trees and over the open grass flats to the fringes of the dull, blue-green forests.

Not a soul

But where the elephant grass grows high he may not pass; nor can he steer his car through that shorter grass, though shoulder high, in which grows thickly the purple flower of the plain.

There it flows in waves, a sea of purple blossom, gently moving in the morning or the evening breeze, or lies still and illimitable, level as a table in the midday heat-haze.

Here no humans tread, and for the wild creatures he must seek the bush and forest and the wide glades between.

Perhaps he will not find the game at first, except to see, as though a whiff of drifting smoke, some grey forms moving into the deeper shade of the forest.

Camp down towards sunset near a water-hole. With luck the cock guineafowl will be calling. Take a shot-gun and get him and his harem before they settle in the branches for the night.

Or, "poof!" up goes a baker's dozen of "stompie" partridge, and the Prince gives them right and left barrels.

The cars are parked side by side, one supposes, and the camp fire glows under a great baobab tree, with trunk as wide as a house and branches thrusting into the velvet purple of the darkling sky.

The voices of the night fill in the gaps of talk behind the mosquito screens. Low gurgles, grunts, and then a shattering roar, so close, it seems, as to make one start.

Squeaks and squeals in the undergrowth, a snickering, sneering chuckle in the distance, the first tentative raps in the bullfrog's rattle, and the chorus of the tropic night is in full voice.

The kill

That long, deep note which rolls through the forest is Mr. Lion driving, steadily herding the shuddering antelopes to where Mrs. Lion couches.

That snarl and flurry is her kill; those lesser howls and worrying noises are the cubs helping mother and learning the business.

But you soon turn over and sleep, thinking how you will stagger that noisy old bluffer with a well-placed shot . . . to-morrow. . . .

When the sun pops up like a jolly old super-lamplighter the noise and mystery of the night seem like the wrack of some half-remembered dream. In pyjamas, your feet in the cold dew, you stagger out and gaze between the trees at an open glade.

And what a glade—a mile across, backed by primeval forest! There is a herd of five hundred zebra, groups of impala, wildebeeste, a clump of reedbuck, perhaps the long, silly necks of half a dozen giraffe; all grazing peacefully.

Some are so near you could hit them with a chunk of wood. Walk out into the open. Ten score Johnson antelopes, pretty little chaps with tawny and golden tints and a black lateral stripe, lift up their heads and glance at you with soft eyes.

Then down go their nappers to the herbage again, and they wag their stumpy black tails as much as to say "Good morning."

You only shoot such as these for the pot—when you must. The Prince will see them and delight in them, but he will not shoot. He is after big game—buffalo, lion, rhino, leopard, elephant.

All of these are dangerous, some of them overtly so, and most of them in defence, when they are hit.

That is where the important difference lies. The scarred old bull buffalo leader of twenty or fifty head will charge unprovoked, head down, through thick and thin, the hooves of the herd thundering behind him.

Oh, for a tree!

Then woe to you if you are in the line of the charge and no tree at hand. He and his maddened following may miss you, for their heads are down and their bloodshot eyes are half blinded. If they charge true to scent, you will be left a rag upon the veld.

Or, if you are one of a party, your skilful leader must shoot at the old bull to turn the herd aside, and kill in the flank as they pitch and bucket past in the dust-smother.

So with the rhinoceros. He will often charge on scenting you, up the wind, even if you are unarmed; and though he is even blinder than the buffalo, he is a ticklish adversary in his own bush country.

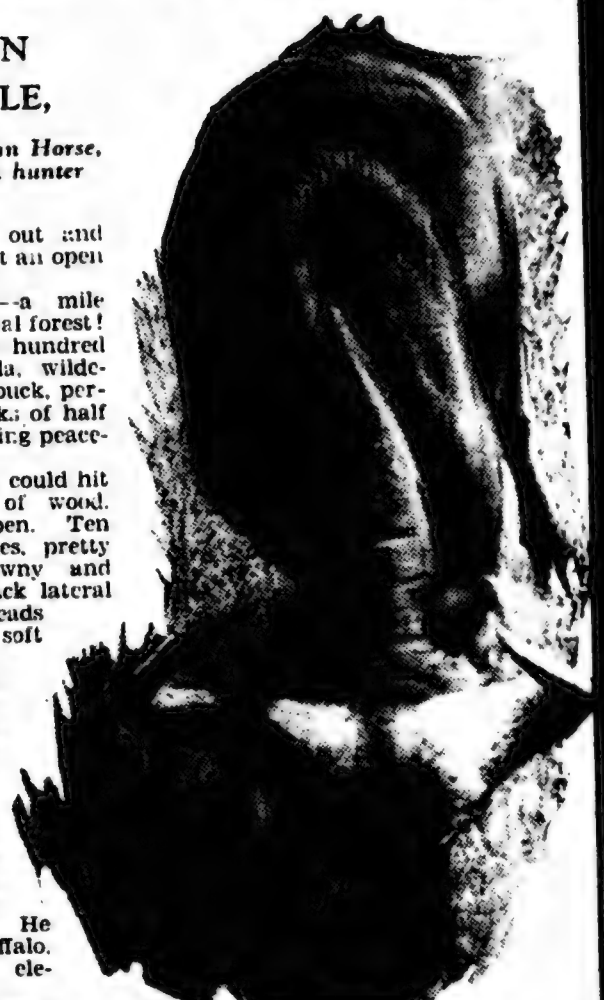
The Prince will almost certainly experience a rhino charge, and it is just possible one of the big blunderers will try his horn on the motor-car.

Dip into the Prince's hunting-pot. There it is slung over the fire, three-legged, black, jovial and rounded. The cars, with their dinky kitchens, have been left in the base camp. This is the real hunting safari.

The savoury steam that rises from it is diffused from a brace of guineafowl, six of partridge, a shredded haunch of impala, delicate cuts from a porcupine and the kidneys of three or four of that day's slain.

You fish for a meal with a cleaning-rod or a hunting-knife.

The native bearers are skinning the carcases. A gory head lies out in the sunshine. In a minute or two it is hidden under the fluttering wings of gorgeous butterflies as big as sparrows. They are attracted by the sweetness of the blood—so carrion is beautified.



"The old bull buffalo ... down through thick and ..."

It is a land of romance ... in a gorgeous mood, unt... untouched. When the Prin... on the northern side of ... steppe, he will probably ... Lolkisale, a mountain which ... from the flat.

They called it Lolkisale o... because there the big ... times held up parties of ... mounted troops.

The moon-flowers

There the Prince may cha... the mysterious moon-flower... bright moonlit nights bloom ... fect fairy circle; yet in the ... of day there is no trace of ...

A native superstition run... sleeper around whose head ... flowers bloom must di... soldiers did die—but then ... so many who died. . . .

From Lolkisale on to Ar... go through another fa... country, and so the Prince ... to Kilima Njaro (snow-... Africa's greatest mountain.

The Prince's great-grandm... it to the Kaiser as a birthd... and British troops took it ... the Prince, when his time ...

He will want to see Kili... for its changing slopes are ... all the dreams of the Garde...

Wherever he goes on beat... on old military trek roads ... hamlets, villages and towns ... ganyika, the Prince will see ... headstones.

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Revive the Miners' FUND!

Tragedy of the Dead-End Million

THE Lord Mayor's Coalfields Distress Fund, started in 1928, is rapidly approaching exhaustion, and we are able to state that the committee "see no grounds" for making a further appeal for money.

What is going to happen to the 300,000 unemployed miners and their families?

It is a terrible indictment of our social conscience that the pitiful conditions under which a million people are living are growing steadily worse.

JOHN BULL has never been among those who thought that either State or private charity could do more than slightly staunch this awful wound inflicted by the savage operation of economic laws.

Source dried up

Charity may relieve: it cannot remedy.

But before last year was out we had hoped that something practical would have been done to sweep away the unparalleled tragedy that passes for daily existence in the derelict mining areas.

Little has been done, and now even the source of private charity is failing.

A million men, women and children are huddled together in the biggest dead-end known to modern industrial civilisation. There is no hope for them.

The mines they surround are closed for ever. All industry for miles lies paralysed. Shops are shut. Business is dead.

What is to be the fate of the gaunt, silent multitude whose life is so mystically linked with the underearth over which they live that some of them are tragically reluctant to move—even if they had the means?

"The most poignant effect on the listener from outside the stricken area," says a recent report, "will be the sense that these men are facing as nearly as possible—*nothing*."

Mother's despair

Later, the same report refrains from surprise when, one day, a mother of two unmarried sons drowns herself.

Cases almost as shocking are innumerable. No comprehensive survey of this titanic misery exists. The situation is without parallel at any period in our industrial history.

We shall never know all that has happened and is happening now in places like Merthyr, Dowlais, Abertillery, Ebbw Vale, parts of the Rhondda Valley, Shildon, Closehouse, Bishop Auckland, Gateshead, Spennymoor, West Hartlepool, Leigh, Whitehaven, Lanark, Fifeshire—an endless list.

The situation is barely imagined.

What has been done, pathetically inadequate as it is, deserves comment, if only to show the difficulties and shortcomings of relief.

Figures, of course, were misleading in the first place. They referred only to registered unemployed.

But apart from 40,000 to 50,000 men who have lost their unemployment pay through various causes—chiefly through omitting to seek "seriously" work when they knew there was none to seek, and being without boots to search, in any case—tens of thousands of young men in the areas have been without work since they left school.

An impartial estimate places unemployment one-third higher than the registered figure.

The various schemes set afoot through the agency of the Lord Mayor's Fund, acting in conjunction with the Ministry of Labour and other bodies, have not been a success.

Drifting home

Organised transference of labour has been a tragedy. Men have been trained, but the work was not followed up. The trained men have gone to the towns, but lack of employment has failed to keep them there.

They have drifted back home where their friends are, and they cannot be blamed for returning.

The same applies to the trained boys. The fund granted £45,000 to the Ministry of Labour to subsidise lads between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one at the rate of 10s. a week in small jobs.

It might have been foreseen that a certain type of employer would have taken these lads in preference to an ordinary boy who would have demanded a higher wage.

But unemployment has overtaken these lads eventually, and they have returned to the hopeless areas, beaten by circumstances over which they could have no control.

Another scheme in regard to girls was equally unsuccessful because it was not persevered with. Girls were trained for domestic work and granted £5 for dress and travel.

The scheme and the grant are not being continued. To-day, when these girls are in demand as servants, they have neither the clothes nor the money to travel to their jobs.

Emigration was another solution in the main it failed miserably cause men were sent abroad untr...

Another fact easily lost sight of that in some districts, notably Yorkshire, men in part-time employment are far worse off than if they were without work.

They have to pay rent, which is a large item in a half-week's pay.

A high official recently visited a school in a mining district in Yorkshire, where men had been on half time for three years, and found two-thirds of the children without boots.

They were being fed with milk at school, and were in such a state that the headmaster said it was impossible to teach them.

But the distress in the coal areas is not entirely confined to the miners and the families. It extends to the shops and to higher grades of employment. The paralysis is general.

Secondary schools are rapidly losing their pupils.

Many young people who have matriculated and begun studies for various professions have had to leave their colleges and return home to be not only unemployed, but unemployable, and their future career ruined.

This brief catalogue of problems scarcely touches the fringe of the major concern.

One million people are facing a tragedy, and before the rationalisation of the industry is completed we shall see this number increased.

So much is certain: the present employed can produce many more million tons than the market, home and overseas, requires.

In their prime

What is to happen to the giant surplus? What is to be the fate of men in the prime of their lives, hard-working, independent and thrifty?

A heartbreaking process has reduced them to an utter and demoralising idleness, and left them bereft in living conditions which a primitive savage would scorn.

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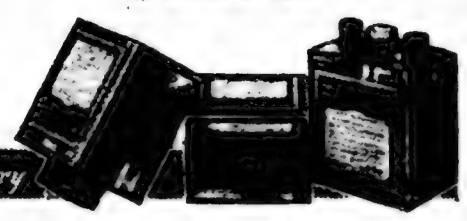

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"They were strangely attractive, these children who played in front of the shops and laundries"—a little white playmate

"MOTHER, mother, why do they call me 'Blackie'? Why do they call me 'Nigger'?"

In London, Glasgow, Manchester, Liverpool, Cardiff, Newport, Hull, Grimsby—all the big seaports—there are anxious and sad-eyed mothers who await with trembling hearts the day when their little ones will rush home with this cry on their lips.

It is the question the mothers have been dreading ever since they leant over the cradles and crooned to sleep the dark-skinned babies who had come to bless the union of white girl and coloured man.

And the mothers cannot answer easily.

The anguished question their children ask raises a problem that is far beyond their simple outlook; a problem beyond even social reformers and welfare workers.

It is a problem that when it is raised in the East can cause the reverberations of war.

Yet here it is, in the midst of our cities and ports, in a comparatively insignificant way, admittedly, but a problem that is very urgent and which grows daily more serious

Apart from a few workers who are striving hard to break down the barriers of prejudice, we do not suppose there is a handful of people in Britain who know or care anything of these outcast children.

In the grim neighbourhoods of the East End, flanking the Thames, many unhappy, despairing faces are to be seen. In Manchester streets there is an ever-growing colour problem.

Consider the position, and you, too, will realise its gravity.

Girl-mothers

There are hundreds of families of the outcast children in dockland. The mothers are English, and the fathers have come from Africa, the West Indies, China, India.

There are families where both the parents are of the same coloured race, and although they are in a different position in the eyes of the white dwellers, they are classed with the children of the mixed marriages. They are all "blackies."

When white girls, with some distorted ideas of romance, marry men from the East they know there is trouble ahead.

But it is not till the colour-bar comes down on their own children, when the little ones whom they cannot bring themselves to regard as of a different race are stigmatised by their playmates, that they feel the full poignancy of their plight.

When the children are young they are happy: from the day when they are first able to toddle they mix with the other youngsters in the street.

Little urchins playing on the pavements have no time for colour problems.

They go to school. They are placed in the same classes as the other children, they play with them, and teachers take care to make no distinctions because of colour.

The children do not wonder about their dark complexions because they do not yet know.

Feeling the lash

But one day that name will be flung at them—"Blackie," "Nigger," "Chink." Thoughtlessly, perhaps, but there will be a sting behind the words.

Then they will rush home with breaking little hearts and ask, "Why are we different?"

They will feel it not only in the names they are called. Oh, yes, there are no distinctions at school. But these outcast children are not asked to parties and picnics.

They see their mates going off, laughing and care-free, and they are left to puzzle out in their worried little heads a problem that has puzzled nations.

How sorely the mothers feel the lash. They betray their sensitiveness by their hostility, their aversion to sympathy.

In one street in Canning Town, London, visited by a JOHN BULL Special Commissioner, there was a strange assortment of races.

Little tots were playing round a lamp-post. There were many dark skins and fuzzy heads, high cheek-bones and almond eyes.

These children had not yet reached the age of knowing and wondering. They played with white children.

It was worse in Limehouse. Pennyfield was a street of little yellow children and Cockney voices. They were strangely attractive, these children who played in front of chop-suey shops and laundries.

In doorways were white women and men with hard, parchment faces.

In a shop there was a crowd of youths with high cheek-bones and slanting eyes, though their accents were the accents of London.

Work is scarce enough in the East End, and what chance has a boy or girl with the colour-streak when there are thousands of white youngsters to compete with?

In the weary search for work, the exile children have the same p humiliating experience day aft

They hear of a vacancy, the to apply for the job and then feel the keen glance of the emp on them, noting the skin, the hai eyes, the lips.

They hear his curt "Sorry, va filled," or "Nothing doing to-da

The boys have a chance of gett berth on a ship; but even th difficult, for they can be allocat neither one group of the crews the other.

For the girls the position is al hopeless.

Why not send them to the co of their fathers? Oh, yes, that been suggested by indifferent workers looking for an easy wa of the difficulty. It has been t and it has failed lamentably

For, remember, in speech and t ing these children are English know only the language of mothers.

Their fathers are mainly seaf men, away most of the ye r, and they do settle down here they themselves to the langua and ditions.

A world-ban

Whatever the colour dren, in speech they are even if this barrier of overcome, the way to the would not be easy.

The East has its colour-bars, the half-caste is the These half-Orientals, treated like pariahs, wo off in their country than here.

Some have gone. They lads whose fathers came Indies. Shunned in th Britain, they worked their there. In six months th broken-hearted.

The colony of outcast always growing larger and one wants to help them.

They grow up with a bitter and torted idea of society. One day will constitute a real menace.

There are men like Pastor Chu of Limehouse, who are trying to life easier for them, trying to down the colour-wall.

There are others in Liverpool, chester and Cardiff appalled by growth of the problem, only the fr of which they can touch.

Mothers of these deeply unfortu children flouted public opinion they married men of a darker race

Is their error to be visited on heads of their children? That is question that the coloured quarter the ports and cities leaves to

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AFTER going about to dances and so forth, first with one girl and then another, I met one with whom I really fell in love.

I am twenty-one and she is nineteen. She lives with her widowed mother, who is still a most remarkably young and good-looking woman.

To my dismay, after I had been courting the daughter for little more than two months, the mother one night contrived to see me alone.

She declared that she herself loved me passionately, and implored me to give up all thought of her "childish daughter" and elope with her.

Utterly flabbergasted, I begged her to pull herself together, and asked her if she thought she was playing the game by her daughter.

Upon this she flew into the most violent rage, ordered me out of her house, and vowed that I should be prevented from any further meetings with her daughter.

In spite of this, I managed to see my girl outside, and though decency impelled me to keep to myself what had occurred, she sensed the trouble, and it was never referred to between us.

This went on for a week or two. Then I received a penitent, but extremely passionate, letter from the mother.

She made no further reference to her daughter, only reiterating her passionate statement of devotion, and declaring that if within a certain time I had made no response to her offer she would take poison.

I IGNORED the letter. A few days later my sweetheart ran to me, crying that her mother had swallowed some poison and was seriously ill.

The thing was hushed up, and when the woman recovered, I felt it my duty to see her.

It was a miserable and futile interview. She did nothing but cling to me and repeat that she could not control her emotions, and rather than endure witnessing my marriage with her daughter, she would go one better next time and end life for them both.

This jealousy shows no abatement as time goes on. Letters keep arriving for me. I live in dread and fear of anything happening to my girl, and yet I cannot bear to give her up.

I am not yet in a position to marry, or we might perhaps make a bolt for it and seek our fortune the other side of the water.

So, if you can point us a way out of this tangle, yet keep us together, I shall be everlastingly grateful.

"HUMANIST" says: Absent yourself completely from this household for some time. There is no need for you to give up the girl, but it is highly desirable to wait awhile before going further.

A woman who drinks poison because she cannot lure away her daughter's lover shows a decided streak of hysteria, if not insanity. Patience is your best policy. You have plenty of time to think of marriage.

HIS FIDDLE
or his sweetheart

FROM childhood I have been passionately fond of music. My parents, being poor, were unable to assist my ambition to become a notable musician.

Nothing daunted, the moment I left school I lived on the proverbial 2½d. and bought a violin.

I spent all I could scrape together on teachers, and I now trudge weekly to one who lives ten miles away.

Now, at thirty years of age, I find it is all wasted: I am as far off as ever from earning a penny with my violin. Moreover, I have fallen in love and am longing to marry.

My trouble is that I cannot make up my mind whether to do this and part with my first love, or whether to resist the inclination to marry and stick to my studies.

"HUMANIST" says: There is an old melody, "My Fiddle is My Sweetheart." You apparently want two. You can manage it by playing first fiddle at your own wedding feast.

BITTERNESS
of her reaping

WHEN a girl friend introduced me to a Chinaman who kept a laundry, I felt intrigued by the mystery that I felt sure surrounded this race. The man offered me a post and I accepted eagerly, telling my parents I had got a job in a commercial hotel.

Before long the laundry proprietor had me completely in his power, but when I found that a baby was coming I longed to get free.

The Chinaman was old, and I found another Chinaman, a younger one, my way of escape.

I was one [illegible] number of [illegible]

It was impossible for me to go home [illegible] the deceit I had practised, and I fixed up

The man used to visit [illegible] He was nice-looking and had good manners.

He did not appear at all interested in myself, and I had to make my intentions pretty clear before I could induce him to notice me.

He then explained that he had been bothered with girls in this country, but I managed to win him round and finally went to live with him as his wife.

He promised to marry me later if he found I suited him. I did not, of course, betray my condition.

Things did not work out as I expected, however, for my parents discovered what I was doing and made a scene on my going home. They saw me through my trouble and encouraged me to apply for an affiliation order against the father of my child.

Having won my case and obtained an order for 15s. a week, I went back to the young man who had promised to marry me. From that moment my troubles began.

Far from paying the money as ordered, the old man set himself to persecute me because of my association with his fellow-countryman.

He has been the cause of getting my lover deported as "an undesirable alien," and shows most bitter jealousy in every way he can.

I now have a child born to my love, and thus am left with two to support, for whom I can get no assistance from either father. The guardians refuse all help, so what do you propose I should do?

"HUMANIST" says: Appeal to the law for an enforcement of the order against the laundry proprietor.

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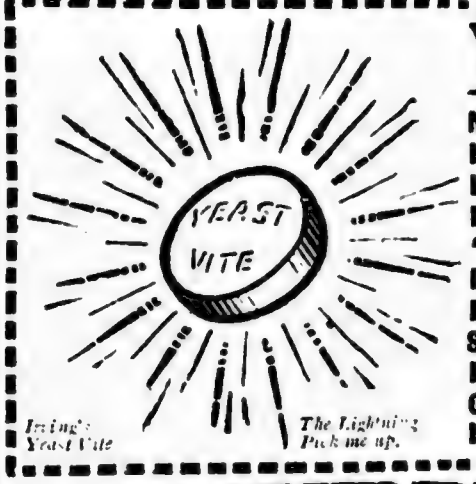

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My chum was sentenced to be shot for cowardice at Cambrai. Shattered nerves. Execution carried out.

Boy Jacoby hanged for murder, committed unintentionally in a dark room.

Ronald True, reprieved for brutal and callous murder of a girl.

Abolish capital punishment, and avoid class distinction.—*Ex-Service, Beconsfield.*

In the Cell

A friend of mine, a former warder of Pentonville Prison, has spent many an hour with condemned men of all classes. He liked to hear their views on the death penalty.

One man, he told me, although in two days he was to meet the hangman, was strongly in favour of it. My friend told me that he often wondered if the poor chap had the same opinion when he stood upon the scaffold.

Another condemned fellow had the idea that hanging was like having a tooth extracted.

My friend would like to see the death penalty abolished. So would I.—*H. Y. Edwards, Ladywood.*

Diseased Minds

A murderer suffers with a diseased mind as another person might suffer with a diseased heart, and requires proper control and treatment.

It would be more punishment for a man to live and lose his freedom than if he were to die.

Some say, "Look at the expense of keeping them." Surely suitable work could be found for them which would cover all their expenses.—*G. G. Perry, Notts.*

Revenge

It is a relic of barbarism.

It does not deter criminals from murder.

There is always the danger of an error in justice which is past remedy.

Society should not claim the right to kill, which is denied to the individual.

The penalty is punitive, undertaken in the spirit of revenge.—*H. J. Reynolds, Westminster, S.W.*

Worries All Over

"To be hanged by the neck until you are dead" is just another way of saying "Your worries will soon be over."

Does a murderer deserve that? No!

The death sentence should read: "To be detained during his Majesty's pleasure as long as you live, and may God have mercy on your conscience."—*Mrs. Ellen Stewart, Hamilton, N.B.*

Chap'ain's Assistant

If the death penalty were abolished every officer in H.M. Prison Service would rejoice.

It was my distressing duty to be present at one hanging. I was acting as chaplain's attendant, and the ordeal caused me to resign.

The condemned man, a mere youngster of twenty-four, showed less emotion than anyone else present. Even the governor, a stern martinet, looked haggard and ill.—*Joseph Miller, Sheffield.*

Yet Another Life?

Do the advocates of capital punishment ever weigh up where the punishment really falls?

Our Letter Parliament

ORIGINAL letters upon the subject below, not exceeding 100 words, are invited, as also are letters on any topic about which you feel strongly. 10/- will be paid for each letter published. Mark envelopes "Letter Parliament." Letters must reach us by first post, Tuesday, February 4.

My Human Story For or Against Divorce

To the murderer, three weeks' torture, then oblivion; to the relatives, shame and, still worse, the knowledge that they are pointed to as a relative of "So-and-so, who was hanged."

Nothing can restore the victim to a sorrowing family; then why take another life?

Whatever opportunities there may be of rectifying a terrible mistake, or of the murderer being given a chance to make some sort of reparation, are for ever lost.—*W. B., Kent.*

Would They Dare?

The suspected murderer should be tried, and, if found guilty, his life should be entirely forfeit to the family of his victim.

They should be left with the responsibility of deciding whether he be imprisoned for life or executed. If the latter be their wish, then they should have the job of carrying it out.

This system would do away with the inhuman position of public executioner, and would also ensure that people who quote "An eye for an eye" have grit enough to pull the lever and carry out their convictions.—*F. W. Price, Bristol.*

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Remember Oscar Slater. He was condemned to death, and lived to be proved "Not guilty."—*S. Gray, Leeds.*

We are commanded "Thou shalt not kill." No "ifs" or "buts" about it, but a plain command.—*Meg, Pembs.*

Imprison the murderer, set him to work, and devote the revenue derived therefrom to the victim's dependants.—*N. H., Berwickshire.*

There are worse crimes than killing in hot blood. Hanging in cold blood is one.—"*Helena*," *London.*

When the person guilty of homicide has paid the penalty, does the grass grow greener on the victim's grave?—*A. T. W., Mon.*

Race with "Silver Ring"

Make Your MONEY TALK!

AS money usually talks in racing, it should pay to have a modest wager on Cyzara, who probably makes his *debut* over fences at Manchester.

This ex-flat racer and hurdler was purchased by his present owner for 2,300 guineas—a big figure for a National Hunt horse.

Cyzara is a gelding, so if the money is to be recovered it will have to be on the racecourse.

I noted Rhyticere running well at Newbury, and he is a likely one to pip Gib in the Grand Allies 'Chase.

Winter Royal and Zahrat are "Saturday specials" for Plumpton's popular meeting.

Arctic Star, Mister Moon and Castletown obliged for the Code last week.

"JOHN BULL'S" CODE

The code for this week is as follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, January 30, to Wednesday, February 5.

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In place of the Code letters printed in the *Sporting Life* read the one above or below, as the case may be.

NEGRZSXIU would read ROYAL SCOT

"SILVER RING."

AYES

IT is doubtful whether [illegible] would countenance [illegible] of capital punishme[illegible] becoming distinctly [illegible] the subject.

The high proportion of [illegible] tences which are commute[illegible] the death penalty should [illegible] nounced as a matter of [illegible] that degrees of murder sho[illegible] nised.

At the same time, ha[illegible] appear too good for one wh[illegible] considers himself before o[illegible] a result of his perversity [illegible] one of the precious gi[illegible]—*W. M. Malcolm, Liverpool.*

He Has the Courage

We are all murderers; [illegible] murder. The only differen[illegible] the mental and the actual murderer [illegible] that the former is a coward and that the latter has the courage of his convictions.

One murders with his mi[illegible] with his weapon.

Remove the death penalty. No! The man who has courage to kill also has courage to die. Let him suffer the extreme penalty of the law.—*W. Anfield.*

Always With Us

Prison life, with its [illegible] and those contemplated, w[illegible] as a powerful deterrent [illegible] especially among the [illegible] classes, who do not place [illegible] value upon freedom.

Cool, premeditated and bru[illegible] should be explated on the [illegible] is only when murderers are [illegible] with their own medicine [illegible] will be kept within reason.

Human nature and pa[illegible] what it is, murder, to some [illegible] always be with us.—*J. J. [illegible] brough.*

Your Wife—

If your wife, sweetheart [illegible] had been murdered for the [illegible] money she had collected [illegible] ployer, or your son had been [illegible] death because he had offe[illegible] gang or other, would you co[illegible] death penalty too severe [illegible] slayers?

When you remember all the [illegible] temporary insanity and so o[illegible] made in their defence, you wo[illegible]

"Whoso sheddeth man's [illegible] man shall his blood be shed. That is God's decree; shall we dis[illegible]—*J. R. McD., Dalmarnock.*

Motor Bandits

Daily we read about m[illegible] robberies, and if these d[illegible] were not faced with the awf[illegible] of the death-cap, where w[illegible] stop?

Mark the ruthlessness of [illegible] gunmen, and reflect that hum[illegible] has not yet so improved that [illegible] penalty and all its attendan[illegible] could be safely abolished.—*Edge Hill.*

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France abolished the death [illegible] and after a fair test restored [illegible]—*C. M. Hubble, Bucks.*

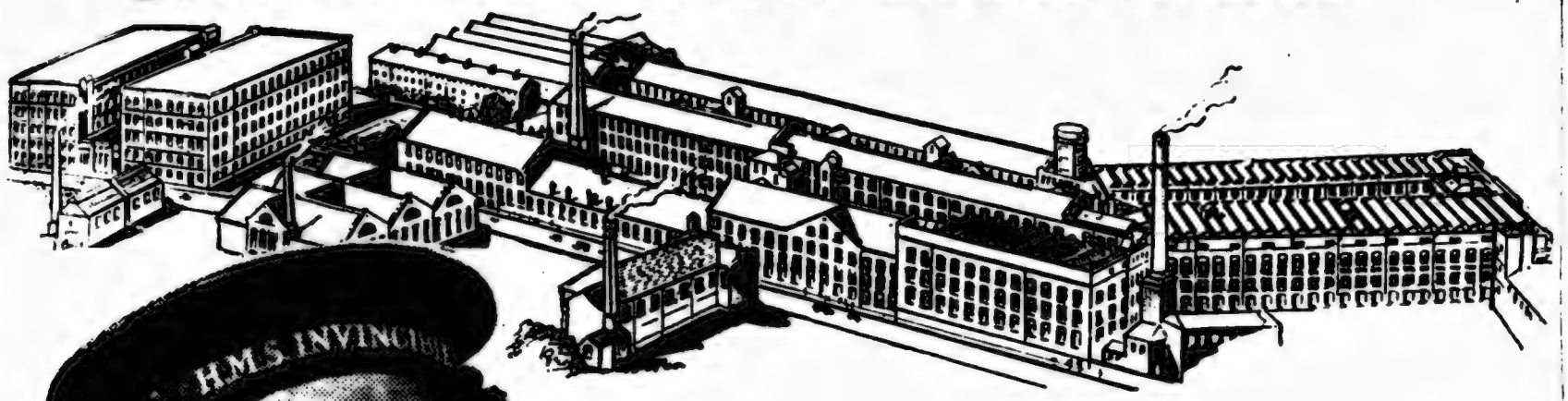
Let the murderer be turned [illegible] the district where his crime [illegible] mitted. There would be no n[illegible] hangman.—*Mac., Stockton.*

Without the death penalty [illegible] would be safe. I feel it in [illegible] bones. I am a tax-collector.—*Bedford.*

The sickly sentiments expr[illegible] murderers is deplorable. Sym[illegible] the bereaved is seldom heard.—*Andrews, Canterbury.*

I would like to see the death [illegible] abolished. And yet—if the [illegible] victim was my father, mother [illegible] or sister, I should say "A l[illegible] life."—*R. R. F., Bexley Heath.*

"The House that Jack built"



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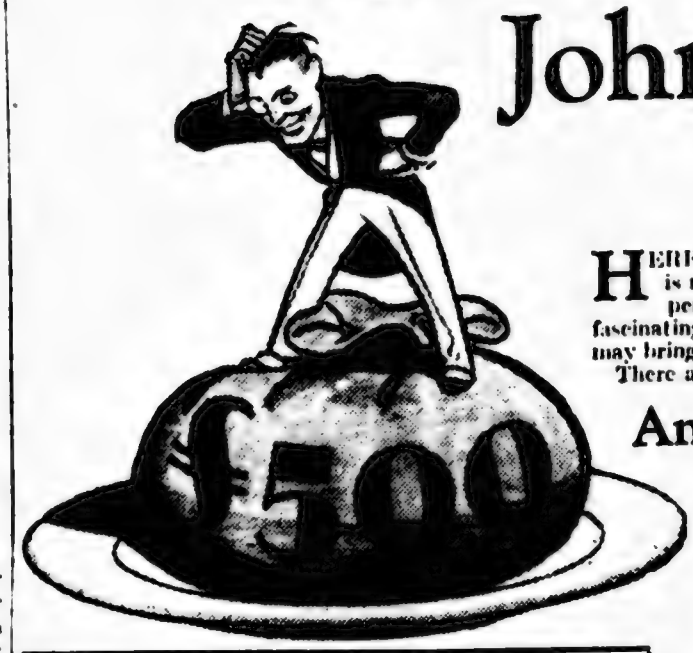

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Result of Crossword No. 46 appears on Page 12.

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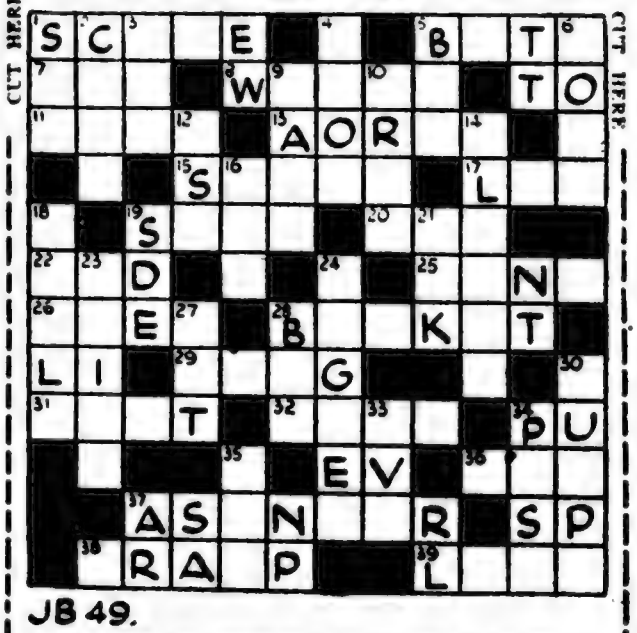

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Clues Across.

1. Twenty.
3. Holds water.
7. Seed vessel.
8. Put into writing.
11. Spare.
12. Main artery.
13. Tapers to a point.
17. Many.
19. Twisted into threads.
20. Long fish.
22. Assistance.
25. This connects.
26. A notion.
28. Household utensil.
29. Emblem.
31. Kind.
32. Tears.
36. Mechanical contrivance.
37. Apart.
38. Knight of the road.
39. Often causes sorrow.

Clues Down.

1. Health resort.
2. Part of a lifebelt.
3. Poem.
4. To secure.
5. Wager.
6. Sound from a horn.
9. Nearly always in weather forecast.
10. Growing timber.
12. Serpent.
14. Partners during the war.
16. Small dog.
18. Sold by ironmongers.
21. Largest deer.
23. Silly person.
24. Uneven.
27. Near vessel's stern.
28. Lamb's cry.
30. Heart does this.
33. Night before.
34. Go by.
35. Popular in America.

Chambers's 20th Century Dictionary and Nuttall's Dictionary (latest edition) used in compiling this Crossword.

Solution of 'John Bull' X-Word No. 47.

Result will be published next week. The solution of "John Bull" X-word No. 47 is given here with as matter of interest to our X-word competitors. We wish to emphasise that no claims are required for this X-word, as all entries are being carefully examined by our staff.

When you have completed this Crossword try a "Happy X-Word" in "The Passing Show," Friday, 2d. In "The Passing Show," Friday, 2d. £100 First Prize, £25 for runners-up. THREE attempts for your 6d.

Write to "John Bull" about it!

Artiste (Barnes).—"I knew the audience was out of sympathy with me." . . .

I. D. (Shrewsbury).—"What does your barber talk about?" About nine-pence to the dozen.

J. B. (Eltham).—"The modern lover does not propose on his knees." More often she does on his.

G. L. (Harrow).—"I am very fond of old-fashioned names for girls." Perhaps you have a little Mary of your own.

G. J. (Elstree).—"He is engaged to a girl called Marcelle." Do you think she will be permanent?

A. W. (Ewell).—"I often try to make my mind a complete blank." Be ambitious: try something harder.

J. L. (Bodmin).—"Is the art of juggling a secret?" Well, jugglers do their best not to let anything drop.

C. H. (Bury).—"The bagpipes are played out." Far too often, unfortunately.

Business Man (Bristol).—"Rings are a menace to the community." Are you married, too?

P. R. (Faversham).—"He was unable to go to the parish meeting, so his wife went for him." Too bad of her!

E. V. Taplow).—"I believe in looking ahead." Did you buy your next Christmas presents at the January sales?

D. A. (Northampton).—"I see that a new orchid is called Soprolaeliocattleya." Not by us.

F. J. (Dorking).—"This country is losing ground." Not losing it—simply transferring it from one part of the golf-course to another.

L. E. (Edinburgh).—"Holidays are not what they used to be." At one time there was a quaint old custom of a man and his wife going away together.

Miss C. (Burnt Oak).—"I don't know whether to tell you how old I am or not." Please yourself. But remember, every minute makes it worse.

A. N. (York).—"The permanent wave is a great invention." But what small boys long for is a method of having their necks permanently washed.

D. C. (Finsbury Park).—"Plants, like human beings, take violent likes and dislikes." Mind you, aspidistra doesn't snap at the hand that feeds it.

F. N. (Brighton).—"Next summer should be a record one." We can expect the giant gooseberry and the marrow, but how can there be sea-serpents as well as Channel swimming?

C. M. B. (Goole).—"If I send a few poems I have written, what will you give me?" Our candid opinion of you.

H. M. (Pontycymmer).—"Who do you think will be the hero of my first novel?" The publisher.

H. L. (Chelsea).—"The burglar took with him a volume of poems I published recently." Perhaps his nurse let him fall when he was a baby.

H. P. (Hitchin).—"There are too many smash-and-grab raids." What do you consider the proper number?

TENOR (Port Talbot).—"A singer must take great care of his throat." So many people itch to put a rope round it.

L. B. (Kennington).—"Some women are always busy painting and decorating." Mostly with rouge-pot and powder-puff.

C. W. (Kingston).—"My young lady's father kicks me downstairs." Well! Find a young lady who lives in a bungalow.

T. S. (Wigan).—"A young doctor has actually restored speech to a dumb woman." Report him to the Medical Association.

V. R. (Grendon).—"A lot of people are pestering me for my autograph." Do you always pay your creditors by cheque?

K. H. (Ipswich).—"Many married people manage to patch up their old quarrels." Until eventually they are nearly as good as new ones.

S. L. (Brighton).—"What becomes of boys who use bad language when they play marbles." They grow up and play golf?

D. L. (Winchester).—"Victorian ladies spent all their money slumming." Georgian ladies spend all their money slimming.

V. A. F. (Sowerby Bridge).—"The tricks of acrobats make me sick with fear." Well, aren't they paid to give you a turn?

W. L. (Manchester).—"Although the burglar levelled a revolver at my head he was very polite." Did he say: "Excuse me pointing"?

C. D. (Esher).—"I make five thousand a year; you wouldn't think it to look at me." Well, hearing you say it doesn't make us think it either.

T. R. (Cambridge).—"I am sending my daughter to Switzerland to have her voice trained." On the advice of your neighbours?

M. P. (Bolton).—"I see that burglars made a haul of £200 in postage-stamps in less than ten minutes." And to think it takes us half an hour to get a halfpenny stamp!

T. V. (Basingstoke).—"What is the difference between poor women and their rich sisters?" The poor haven't enough to live decently on. The rich haven't enough on to live decently.

THE EDITOR REPLIES

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service

. . . Did a little "bird" tell you?

K. P. (Atherstone).—"How do some poets live?" We don't know, or why!

F. P. (Hampstead).—"What do you think I found in a Post Office inkwell?" Not ink, we'll wager!

A. G. (Brixton).—"Skirts are to be longer." They will have to be if they are to be skirts any longer.

F. H. (Kingston).—"Worry is deadly." Now, that's something else to worry about.

C. M. (North Berwick).—"Many people liken married life to a prize-fight." But there are rest intervals in a prize-fight.

D. R. B. (Cardiff).—"My car shakes like an aspen leaf before it starts to run." Some cars merely shake like an aspen leaf.

S. W. (Lambeth).—"A horse, as a rule, knows what is expected of him." That never seems to be the case with those we put our money on.

MRS. W. H. (Liverpool).—"My husband is plain-spoken; he always calls a spade a spade." So do we. What does he call the lawn-mower?

J. McG. (Glasgow).—"Scotsmen are the only people who do not keep their eye on the clock." Have you ever seen a Scotsman in a taxi during a traffic jam?

N. B. (London, E.).—"I used to play shove-halfpenny for the 'Red Cow,' but have now joined the 'Blue Lion' team." And how many pints was the transfer-fee?

M. G. G. (Doncaster).—"Most people require a tonic at this time of the year." Try a glass of the stuff which Dr. *Bullets* prescribes on page 35. It will put new wealth into you.

G. S. (Bournemouth).—"Fifty years ago a suburbanite's only thought in life was to keep up with his neighbours." Nowadays, however, owing to the popularity of the two-seater, his sole ambition is to flash past them.

D. R. (Croydon).—"There seems to be no limit to the size of aeroplanes." They are building them so big these days that you can break your neck by falling out of one that is standing on the ground.

J. P. (Tadworth).—"Some wives take years off their age." And put years on their husbands.

J. A. (Whitehall).—"Mr. Churchill has bought a new hat." Did you expect him to buy a second-hand one?

S. K. P. (Ohio).—"I made a fortune over the water." Over the water you put into the whisky?

L. N. (Oxford).—"What I am Nature made me." And yet there are some people who say that Nature never blunders.

R. Y. E. (Egham).—"Never think of your troubles while eating." But there are steaks that can only be masticated by worrying.

D. H. (Oxford).—"In the days gone by the younger generation used to save up for a rainy day." Now it only saves up for an occasional wet night.

MRS. T. (Pevensey).—"Our maid dropped fifteen dishes last month." Our maid only dropped the postman, two constables and the dairyman.

T. G. (Cardiff).—"Not a single M.P. has suggested a duty on imported fossils." It seems strange that some Members should be so indifferent to foreign competition.

V. J. (Burnt Oak).—"A motoring problem in America is what to do with old, worn-out cars." In this country the solution is to go on motoring in them.

D. E. (Mortlake).—"No two things in this universe can be more than 54,000,000,000,000,000 miles apart." We've noticed that on the Underground during rush hours.

G. J. (London, N.).—"An artist has been painting pictures on both sides of the canvas." He specialises, we understand, on the beautiful rugged scenery of Aberdeenshire.

D. J. (Wilslow).—"It is suggested that there should be facilities for M.P.s to play water-polo at Westminster." Up to now they have had to be content to play ducks and drakes with the taxpayers' money.

(Many replies unavoidably held over)

Side-Slips

Examples of genuine unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Obvious printers' errors not wanted. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. Mark envelopes "Slip."

YORKSHIRE EVENING NEWS:—"For CAUSING bodily harm defendant was paid £10 and £6 8s. 9d. costs."

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"Things are black"; yet Pat still manages to smile

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His wife and children followed; but, as their fares swallowed up their resources, they had to seek shelter in the workhouse until Pat's father found work.

Things are pretty black for the family at present.

Patrick's mother is in hospital with rheumatic fever, brought on, her husband considers, through the dampness of their lodgings, for which they pay 23s. per week.

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"Whilst my wife is in hospital I get the children their breakfast," says Pat's father. "And whilst I am out looking for work, the eldest boy comes home and gives them dinner and then tea."

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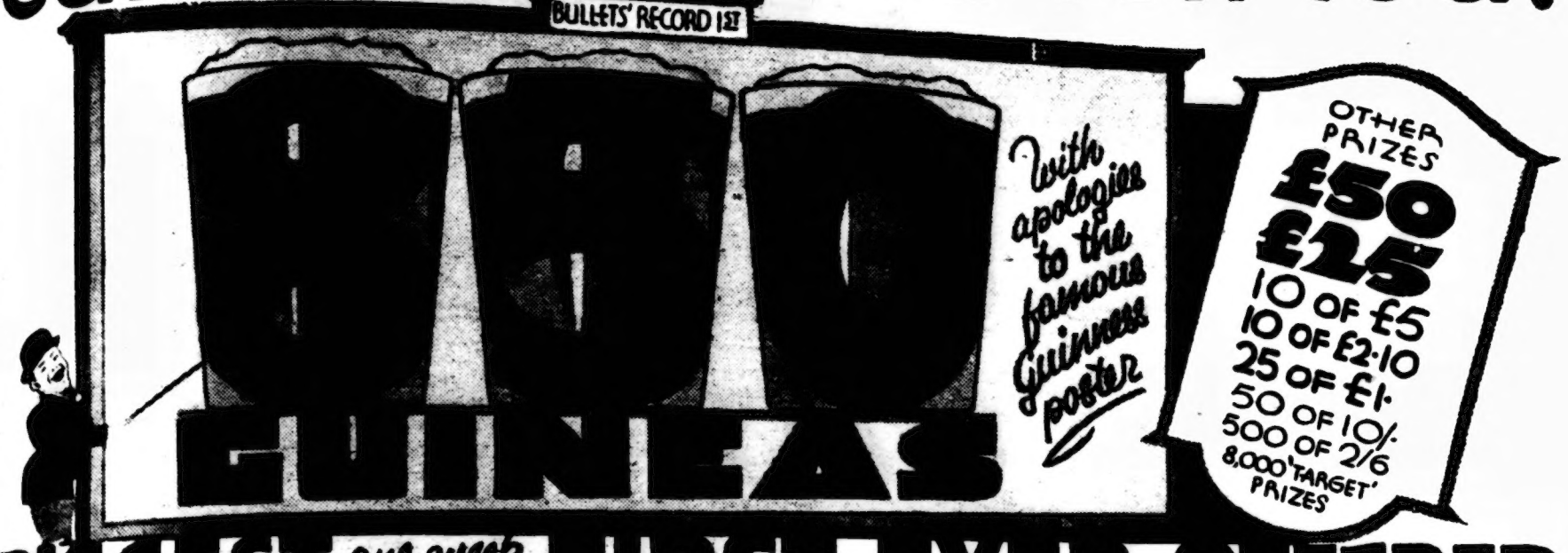

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(Closing Saturday, February 15.)

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FALL OF THE MIGHTY	MAN WITH A BAG	OUR FACTORIES
SERIOUS MATTER	WEALTH AND HAPPINESS	MAKING TROUBLE
RIDICULOUS PRICE	"WHAT A LIFE!"	FRANKLY
MUST BE DONE	SHE FORGOT	RED IN THE FACE
INFANT PRODIGY	ON WINGED FEET	UP AND DOING
ADMIRED	FINE	POURING IN
NOTHING IN IT	HIGH SPIRITS	A SHAM
SWEEPING REFORM	HE THINKS HE'S CLEVER, BUT	CONDEMNED
CHAMPAGNE	BY POWER	SERVANT OF THE STATE
SWIMMING IN MONEY	BLIND TO THE FACTS	

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WHY RUPTURE SUFFERERS DREAD THE WINTER

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EVERY rupture sufferer knows instinctively the weak spot in his make-up. If he stumbles or slips, unconsciously his hand will seek his rupture, thinking thus to protect himself from greater injury or lend support to the truss or other similar device which is meant to hold his rupture in place.

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No strain can be too great, no burden too severe, for the new Brooks Rupture Appliance. You can depend on it. Dangers of protrusion from any cause are entirely eliminated. A Brooks Rupture Appliance **will hold** your rupture in place and carry on its work of **healing** under most unlikely situations or conditions until you are entirely well again.

For the Brooks Rupture Appliance **heals your rupture** and operates to make you well **while it holds your rupture in place.** This is a significant fact when you know that trusses and other kinds of like arrangements are fashioned to hold but seldom even make a pretence of curing rupture.

There are many other benefits. If you will lay aside the truss or whatever support you are now wearing, we will send you the Appliance Free on Trial. Just send the coupon and, at our expense, you can begin the healing process which will lead to a full and complete recovery. Give yourself this chance. The trial is absolutely FREE.

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NOT all the perils accompanying winter result in sprains, broken limbs, or other injury. One of the gravest dangers is unknown to other than rupture sufferers. That is the risk of hernia strangulation—a hasty operation, or possibly death. A slip or fall or strain may render the makeshift truss worthless. Through not holding the rupture securely, the intestine comes out, is pinched (strangulated), and cannot be returned. And a "kink" in the intestines, as all know, may prove fatal within a few hours.

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It can be worn day and night. There is no uncomfortable pressure anywhere—no springs or gouging pads to cause pain and suffering.

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You need have no fear—or lose any of the pleasures of life if you wear a Brooks Rupture Appliance. With a Brooks Appliance you can partake of all the enjoyments you desire—business or social. You can do as you like in sports or other activities. Brooks Rupture Appliance holds the Ruptnre firmly while the work of healing steadily goes on until you are sound and well once more.

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